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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNCIL OF SAFETY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Nov'r 13th, 1776.

THO'S WHARTON, Presid't.

David Rittenhouse,	Henry Keppele,
John Bayard,	Francis Gurney,
Joseph Blewer,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon,
Geo. Gray,	Timothy Matlack.
Frederick Kuhl,	

Resolved, That Major Proctor be directed to parade the Artillery under his Command at Fort Island, on Friday morning next, when Mr. Blewer & Col. Humpton, at the request of this Board, will attend in order to review them.

Resolved, That Commodore Seymour be directed to Issue orders immediately for every Officer of the Fleet to repair on board their Respective Vessells, to have them manned and fitted in the best manner possible, and to order the whole Fleet to Rendezvous opposite Messrs. Willing & Morris's Wharf, at 11 o'Clock to-morrow morning, in order to their being Reviewed.

Resolved, That Col. Matlack be directed to take into his immediate Care the Blankets & other Clothing for our Army; that he provide a convenient Store for the purpose, & a Clerk to attend the same, if necessary.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jno. Little's acco't for Nails d'd Mr. Brigs, for Mr. Savage, £31 13 4.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. Wm. Evans £77 8 1½, for Blankets & coarse woolens Purchased in Chester County, for this Council.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Wm. Cook, or Capt. Miller, for 2000 Dollars, to be charged to Col. Cook, of 12 Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Amos Strattell £1784 7 9 for Block Tin, Copper & Sulphur.

Resolved, That Messrs. Rittenhouse, Matlack & Cannon, be a Committee to draw up a memorial to be presented to the Honorable House of Assembly at their next meeting, setting forth the dangerous Consequence that will attend the refusal of the Continental Currency.

Resolved, That Robert Levers, Esq'r, be appointed Paymaster to the 12 Pennsylvania Regiment in the Continental Service, commanded by Col. Wm. Cook.

The Council adjourned to 8 o'Clock.

—

Members met.

David Rittenhouse,	Timothy Matlack,
John Bayard,	James Cannon,
Geo. Gray,	Fred. Kuhl,
Francis Gurney,	Joseph Blewer,
S. C. Morris,	Henry Kippele.

Resolved, That Capt. Blewer & Mr. Sam'l C. Morris be requested to fitt out the Armed Boat Convention, Capt. Rice, with all Possible Expedition, and that they be desired to apply to the Marine Committee for such Stores belonging to Congress as may be wanted for that purpose.

The Council proceeded to the appointment of Captains in the Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment, in the Continental Service, Commanded by Col. Richard Humpton, when the following Gentlemen were appointed, vizt: Doct'r Jno. Coates, Wm. Henderson, Samuel Dawson, Adolph Wm. Hedrick, Geo. Calhoun, Wm. McKissack, Wm. Bradford, jun'r, & John Douglass.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Rob't Smith £3 6 8, for riding Express for the Convention to give notice to the Militia to march to New Jersey.

Resolved, That John Simpson, Esq'r, be appointed Paymaster to the 8th Penn'a Regiment, in the Continental service, commanded by Col. Æneas McCoy.

Agreeable to a resolve of Congress, the Following Commissions were granted for Letters of Mark, vizt:

To Thomas Bell, Commander of the Ship Speedwell, of the Burthen of Tons, navigated by 25 men, Ten Carriage Guns, owned by John Maxwell Nesbitt & Co.

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To Robert Collings, Commander of the Sloop Friendship, about 30 Tons Burthen, navigated by Twenty men, 6 Carriage Guns, owned by John Wilcocks & Co.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, Novem'r 14th, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAM'L MORRIS, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	Francis Gurney,
Fred. Kuhl,	Henry Kippele,
Jos. Blewer,	Sam'l C. Morris.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the Following Accounts, viz:

Mr. Robert Towers' Acco't for Workmen's Wages, making Cartridges, &ca, £56 6 8.

William Shaw's Acco't for cooperage of Powder, &ca., £15 18 9, £2 1 7 to be charged to this State, the Remainder to Congress.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay Robert Jewell £48 14 1, for Wood &ca., for the Use of the Prisoners in the State Jail, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Joseph Wilson for repairing Arms for the Armed Boat Congress.

Intelligence was rec'd by express that several hundred Transports had sailed from New York, & steered their Course to the Southward, & expected to be intended for this City; whereupon, the Council wrote a Circular Letter to the Commanding Officers of the Battalion of Militia, earnestly requesting them to march their respective Battalions to this City Immediately.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock.

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The following members met:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Owen Biddle,	James Cannon,
John Bayard,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Francis Gurney,	Fred. Kuhl.
Joseph Blewer,	

The Board of Warr was requested to send for Captain Strohbogh & the Company of Artillery under his Command, lately sent to Fort Montgomery, in New York Government.

Resolved, That Col. Bayard be requested to get ready immediately as many of his Battalion as are necessary to guard the State Prisoners to Lancaster & Reading.

The Commodore was ordered not to suffer any sea Vessell to Pass through the Chevaux-de-Frize.

Ordered, That Commodore Seymour do Immediately station one of the Armed Boats belonging to this State at or near Glocester-Point, and exert their Utmost Vigilance in preventing all shallops from Passing down the river. Wood Boats are to be permitted to pass and repass.

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Met at 3 o'Clock.

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Presid't.

David Rittenhouse,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Owen Biddle,	Timothy Matlack,
John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl,
Francis Gurney,	Joseph Blewer,
George Gray,	John Bull.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Elijah Dow, for £120 0 0, on Acco't of Work done for this State, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to Deliver Col. John Dickenson 150 Stand of Arms, & 150 Cartouch Boxes & Bayonet Belts, for the use of the 1st Battahon of the City & Liberties of Philad'a Militia, taking his receipt.

Resolved, That Jacob Gerard Dyrohs, William Scull, & Matthew Henderson, be appointed Captains in the Continental Service.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Thomas Dundas, £500; & charge the Same to his acco't.

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Ordered, That the owners of Cattle and other stock near the river side, make the necessary preperations for removing the same, at least five miles from the river, on the Shortest notice, as it is Probable that this board may be under the disagreeable necessity of giving the most peremptory orders for their removal, and to see that the same be punctually & suddenly complied with.

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In Council of Safety, Novem'r 15th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Blewer,
Owen Biddle,	Francis Gurney,
John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl,
Geo. Gray,	Henry Kippele, jun'r,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Timothy Matlack.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay the following Acco'ts.

Col. Bayard for Expences going to Chester with General Armstrong, &c., 57s, & 10s for Expences going to Fort—amo't £3 7 0.

Samuel Wheeler for the Balance of his Acco't, for Work done for Chevaux de Frize, £441 15 5½, & one acco't amounting to £77 7 5½, for Work done for the Brass Cannon Foundery and boreing Mill.

John Williams & Jacob Comly, for Halling Timber for the Armed Boat Delaware, £8 11 3.

Jacob Comley for Halling Cannon from the State House to the Commons to be proved, £17 15 0.

An order was drawn on Conyngham, Nesbitt, & Co., for Twenty five Blankets, to be delivered to Col. Gurney, for the use of Col. Humpton's Regim't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay David Thomson £19 16 0, for the use of his wharf from 22 June to 26 Octob'r, is 198 days a 2s.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Robert Irwin for £100, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Conyngham Nesbitt & Co., & Maurice Rogers, £208 9 6, for 121 Blankets.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Capt. Wm. Brown 60 Pikes, 45 Cutlasses, 2000 Musket Cartridges, 24 Puping Horns, 24 Bitts, & 24 Prickers, for the use of the Floating Battery Putnam.

Capt. Wm. Richards was directed to provide for Capt. Wm. Brown 20 Stand of Irons & Handcuffs for the Putnam Battery.

Mr. Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Col. John Bayard One Hundred & Seventy Stand of Arms for the Use of the 2 Batalion of Militia of this City, taking his receipt for the same.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Levi Hollingsworth an order drawn on this Board by Stephen Ceronie in favour of Cornelius Stevenson, for £137 Penn'a Currency, dated St. Thomas, 9th June, 1776.

In conformity to a Resolution of the Honorable Congress,

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel C. Morris be appointed to have the Care of the Prisoners of War within this State, and pay them the allowance granted them by Congress.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Henry Miller, for £103 0 6, for Printing the Minutes &ca., of the Convention.

Resolved, That Mr. James Dundass, Assistant Superintendant and paymaster for the Works at Billingsport, be allowed 2s 6 p. day over and above his pay, in Consideration of Losses that may attend paying of moneys in such small Sums as his department must necessarily require.

In Council of Safety, Nov'r. 16th.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Fred. Kuhl,
Owen Biddle,
Joseph Blewer,
Timothy Matlack,
John Bull,
Francis Gurney,
Sam'l C. Morris.

Capt. W'm Richards was directed to deliver Mr. Abraham Mason as much Sail Cloth as he may have occasion, to make Sails for the Ship Montgomery.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for £500, to be charged to their acco't.

Col. Matlack was directed to deliver Capt. Rd. Eyers 35 Blankets, for the Seamen on board the Delaware armed Boat

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Robert Smith, for five hundred & fifty Pounds, towards Chevaux de Frize Built at Billingsport.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Owen Biddle for Linen, &ca., purchased by him for the service of this State, £339 12 10½.

Ordered, That Mr. Biddle be requested to employ persons to make up the Linen in his hands, belonging to this State, into shirts.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favour of Lieut. Colonel Geo. Nagle, for 1,000 Dollars, to be charged to Col. James Irvine, of the 9th Penn'a Regiment.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mary Miller 4s 8, for 7 dinners for Capt. Shade's Comp'y, Col. Miles' Batt'n.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Richard Humpton, for 2,000 Dollars, to be charged to his Acco't.

Col. John Bull was directed to deliver to George Losh one Tun of Salt Petre & Ten Hundred wt. of Powder, out of his Store at Norrington, taking his receipt.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Levering £27 14 0, for 40 Pick Axes, & 26 Spades, delivered to Col. Bull, for the Fortification at Billingsport.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wm. Levering £18 6 0, for 30 Spades & 12 Pitching Axes, delivered Mr. Towers.

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Information being laid before this Board that a Gentleman is now in this City who is well acquainted with Casting Brass Cannon,

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Biddle & Col. Matlack, be a Committee to confer with the Cannon Committee appointed by Congress, and in Conjunction with them, to concert and execute a plan for exerting the utmost skill of all our Artists in this Important Branch of Business.

In Council of Safety, November 18th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Timothy Matlack,	Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Bull,
Francis Gurney,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Fred. Kuhl,	Owen Biddle.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Willing, Morris & Co., for Cartridge Paper, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay James Oellers £3364 4 0, for 128 Casks of Powder, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jeremiah Burrows £1269 7 6, for 1692½ Bushels of Salt, @ 15s.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major Thomas Proctor £59 4 1½, for boarding of sick Soldiers belonging to the Artillery, & £50 on acco't of recruiting Expences, to be charged to his Acc't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Allison & Worrel, for £50, to be charged to their Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Emanuel Woodby £11 10, for Boat Hire.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to Deliver to the Marine Committee of Congress 1500 Shot, for 24 pound'rs, 1800 Shot, for 18 pounders, & 500 Bar Shot, for 18 & 24 Pounders, taking their receipt for the same.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Michael Grove, for riding Express to Berks County, to order the Militia to hold themselves in readiness to march to this City, £5 0 0.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay George Ginter for riding Express to Berks County, to order the Militia to march to this City, £6 17 6.

Resolved, That application be made to Congress for an order on their Treasurer for Forty Thousand Dollars, to be paid to Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, on Acco't of the State of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. Gurney & Mr. Morris, wait on the President with the above resolve, and request an order accordingly.

In Consequence of the foregoing request, Congress sent an order on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, for Forty Thousand Dollars, which Capt. Blewer is desired to deliver to Mr. Nesbitt.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to deliver Capt. John Rice 20 Blankets, for the Use of the Armed Boat Convention.

Resolved, That the pay of the Officers of the Armed Boats, in the Service of this State, be as follows, to commence from the first day of October last:

Captain,	32	Dollars.
First Lieutenant,	20	do.
Second Lieutenant,	16	do.
Master,	20	do.
Captain's Cl'k,	12	do.
Boatswain,	15	do.
Gunner,	15	do.
Carpenter,	15	do.
Steward,	12	do.
Drum & Fife,	8	do.
Privates,	8	do.
Boy,	4	do.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock.

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Met at 3 o'Clock, Nov'r 18th, 1776.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	John Bayard,
Francis Gurney,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Timothy Matlack,
Fred. Kuhl,	Joseph Blewer.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Francis Gurney £102 1 10, for Blankets, Mittins, &ca.

Resolved, That the Armed Boat Convention, commanded by Capt. John Rice, be ordered down to Cape May, to protect the trade of this State, agreeable to a request from the Secret Committee of Congress.

The Following Instructions were delivered to Captain Rice:

"In Council of Safety, Novem'r 18th, 1776.

"Sir:

The Secret Committee of Congress have informed this board that the Continental Cruicers are so employed that they cannot afford the necessary protection to the Trade of this State; you are therefore ordered to proceed to Cape May. You are not to leave that Station when any of the Enemie's Vessells are at the Opposite Cape, and to use your best endeavours to protect all trading Vessells belonging to the United States of America, and to the Islands of Bermuda or Bahamas, or to any Foreign State, except under the Dominion of the King of Great Britain; and in case of their being

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in distress, you are to grant them all the Aid and Relief in your Power, and upon any number of the Enemie's Ships appearing off the Coast, you are to give Intelligence thereof to Mr. Henry Fisher, of Lewis Town, with the Course they Steer, and such other Circumstances relating to them as are of any importance to us; or if you should be able to transmitt the Intelligence by express to us more expeditiously than Mr. Fisher, you are to do it.

"And you are, at the same time, to use your endeavours to make Capture of and distress such of the Vessells belonging to the enemies of these States as come in your way; but if it should appear to you that the Enemy are coming with a Fleet to invade this State, you are, in that case, Immediately to return with the Convention to Fort Island.

"We confide in your discretion to execute the foregoing orders, so as to answer the Intention of this board, and that you will perform such other service as the nature of your Station will require; we therefore shall omit any further Instructions.

"N. B. If there are any vessels appear with an Ensign hoisted at the fore top Gallant mast Head, you may conclude it is a trading Vessel, in the Congress' Service, and you may give her any advice or assistance Accordingly; That being their signal to the Light House. Save your Salt Provisions as much as Possible, & provide your men with Fresh, if to be had at as low a rate as of the Commissary here."

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Jos. Blewer for £100, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Bray for Riding Express to Chester County, to order the Militia to March to this City £5 5 0, to be charged to Congress.

Wm. Morris for do. to County, £5 5 0, do.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. Towers' Acco't, £94 4 0.

In Council of Safety, November 20th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Owen Biddle,	Francis Gurney,
John Bayard,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Joseph Blewer,	Fred. Kuhl,
Timothy Matlack,	George Gray.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Wm. C. Bradford for £739 15 0, to be delivered to Isaac Rodgers, Esq'r, of Allen Town, on Acco't of Pork he has contracted to purchase for this State, to be charged to Mr. Rodgers.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay Hercules Courtney, for Candles for the Use of Fort Island, £23 0 4.

George Rumhart for Porterage, Copper, &ca., to State House, £3 13 3.

Daniel Offley for Iron Work for the Battery Putnam & Chevaux De Prize, &ca., £14 6 2.

Resolved, That Mr. Wharton & Mr. Blewer be appointed to revise & Fix the Pay of the Fleet of this State.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Lewis Grant £10 10 0, for Gun Ladle & Powder Measures, £10 10 0, for the Armed Boat Convention.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Augustus Rupple £5 0 0, for going Express to Bucks County, to order the Militia to March to this City.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for £500, to be charged to their acco't.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to Messrs. Mease & Caldwell half a Block of Block Tin.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Messrs. Williams, towards the Armed Boat Delaware, to be charged to their Accounts.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Joseph Copperthwaite for Five Hundred Pounds, towards the Continental Powder Mills erecting in this State, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Michael Boyer for riding Express to Lancaster, York & Carlise, with marching orders to the Militia, &ca., £8 10 0, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay to Jonathan Martin for repairing 7 Guns £1 5 9.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock, afternoon; when the following members met:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

John Bayard,	George Gray,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l C. Morris,	Samuel C. Morris.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Messrs. Willing & Morris for Handkuffs, & other materials delivered for the Use of the Fleet, £88 1 0.

Mr. Zebulon Hollingsworth, or the person in whose care the Cannon Shott at the Head of Elk or Christian Creek, belonging to this State, was directed to deliver to the order of the Marine Committee of Congress as much Shott as they may have Occasion for, taking a Receipt for the same.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Frederick Snieder £5 10 6, for Riding express to Reading to Countermand the Marching orders for the Militia, to be charged to Congress; & Leonard Lester to Easton £5 0 0; also Jacob Speight £4 7 6, to Chester County.

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In Council of Safety, November 21st, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r President.

Fred. Kuhl,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
John Bayard,	Joseph Blewer,
David Rittenhouse,	Geo. Gray,
Francis Gurney,	Sam'l C. Morris.
Timothy Matlack,	

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Amer Grub £3 15 3, for 1002 feet of Scantling delivered Geo. Ingles, to be charged to this State.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Jacob Kisling, £10, for services rendered to the State, in producing a Model for a Fire-Ship.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to deliver to Pay Martin Pendergast, for Iron Work for Fire Rafts, &c., &c., (2 Acco'ts) £136 17 5.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Conyngham, Nesbitt, & Co., £3,756 0 0, for 30 Casks of Indigo, being part of the Cargo of Ship Montgomery, bo't by Mr. Wharton & Col. Bayard, to be charged to their Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay W'm Taylor £17 1 0, for Boatswains' Calls, for 8 of the Armed Boats belonging to this State.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Henry Miller £5 10 0, for Printing 1500 Blank Commissions, for Officers of Flying Camp, by order of the Convention.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Geo. Weiss £5 0 0, for riding Express to Chester county, to order the Militia to hold themselves in readiness to March at a Short Notice; to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay W'm Morris 15s. for going express to Germantown.

Mr. Nesbitt to Pay Geo. Schwartz for 9 Cartouch Boxes, a 9s., £4 1 0, to be charged to Col. Galbreath.

In Council of Safety, Nov'r 22nd, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
Joseph Blewer,	Sam'l C. Morris,
George Gray,	John Bayard.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Bazelee for Work done for the Galley Delaware Armed Boat, £13 3 6.

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An order was drawn or Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Benj'n Eyre, for £161, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Joel Zane £1 19 0, for 2 Iron Potts, for the Franklin Galley, in October 1775.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Ardt & Capt. Spear £9 7 6, for Three drums for the Flying Camp.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Christian Shaffer, for One Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his Acco't,

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Christ'n, jun'r, & Charles Marshall £154 15 10, for sundries had for the use of The Fleet.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. John Wharton £50 0 0, for Expences Conducting Major French to New England, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Jos. Ferree, in favour of Wm. Thompson, for Ten Hundred wt of Salt Petre, to be manufactured into Gun Powder.

Resolved, That application be made to the Honorable Congress for the Loan of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, to be paid to John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for the use of the State of Pennsylvania, & that Messrs. Kuhl & Morris wait on the President with the above request.

The Council adjourned to 8 o'Clock; when the following members met:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Presid't.

Owen Biddle,	Joseph Blewer,
David Rittenhouse,	John Bayard,
George Gray,	Timothy Matlack,
Francis Gurney,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r.
Sam'l C. Morris,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Edward Stroud £10 12 6, for riding Express to Lancaster, York, & Carlisle, to order the Militia to march to this City, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Dan'l King £31 19 4, for Copper Work, &ca., delivered to Mr. Towers.

Agreeable to a resolve of this morning, Congress sent down an order on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Continental Treasurer, for One Hundred Thousand Dollars, which was endorsed by the President and directed to be paid to John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, & Mr. Wharton was desired to deliver it to Mr. Nesbitt.

John Biles was committed to the State Prison, he being charged by Mr. Woodrow, the younger, & Mr. John Osborne of the Northern Liberties, upon Oath, that he has been guilty of Treason against the United States of America.

Ordered, That Mr. John Smith be requested to attend this board to-morrow morning at nine o'Clock, to answer such Questions as shall be asked him, respecting certain declarations said to have been made in his presence by Mr. John Swift, jun'r.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, November 23rd, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Timothy Matlack,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l C. Morris,
John Bayard,	Joseph Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	Francis Gurney.
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	

The Council being informed that there are many Sick Soldiers arrived in this City from the American Army, for whom no proper accommodations are provided, and as humanity and good Policy require that the best Provision be made for restoring them to health,

Resolved, That Col. Gurney be authorized and required to have one wing of the Bettering House cleared Immediately for the reception of such sick and wounded Soldiers.

Resolved, That Messrs. Richards & Towers furnish Mr. Romand, Engineer, with such materials as he may require to perform on Experiment, in order to give a Specimen of his Skill in destroying distant objects by Fire.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Mr. Jesse Jones, one of the Commissioners of Northampton County, £991, for Bounty Money for 323 men, directed by Convention to be paid for raising the Flying Camp.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Henry Fraily £6 0 4, for repairing Arms belonging to Col. Haller's Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel King £10 10 10½, for Brass for Boring Mill; £1 17 0, for Copper Hinges, &ca., for Franklin Armed Boat; & £12 0 0, for 12 Twinequits delivered to Duffield & Delaney.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jacob Rittenhouse £10 19 2, for 263 lbs. of Cannon Cartridge Paper.

Resolved, That the Salt now in the Possession of the Council of Safety be Immediately Sent to the Committee of the several Counties in the following Proportions, to wit:

Philad'a County - -	80	Bushels.
Chester - - -	80	More or less as the Quantity in Store may measure.
Bucks - - -	80	
Lancaster - - -	100	
York - - - -	80	
Cumberland - - -	80	
Berks - - - -	80	
Northampton - -	60	
Bedford - - -	60	
Northumberland - -	60	
Westmoreland - -	60	

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(The City & Liberties of Philadelphia having had a greater opportunity of a Supply than the Counties, are not to have any part of this Quantity).

The Committees are to sell it to the people at the rate of 15s ℔ Bushel, and in no greater Quantity than half a Bushel to any one Family; They are to make as equal distribution as they can, according to the necessities of the People, for which purpose they are to require a decleration of what Quantity they are possessed of, more than their Just proportion of this necessary Article, at a time of such very great Scarcity of it.

Mr. Owen Biddle is requested to employ proper persons to send the Salt to the respective Committees, with a Copy of this resolve to each, for which Service this board will allow a reasonable Compensation.

At a Special Meeting of the Council of Safety, November 24th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Timothy Matlack,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Sam'l C. Morris,	Fred. Kuhl,
James Cannon,	John Hubley,
John Bull,	Henry Keppele.
John Bayard,	

A Committee of Congress required an interview with as many Members of the House of Assembly as are in Town & this Council, whereupon a number of the Members of Assembly attended, & the following Resolutions of Congress were laid before the

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, Novem'r 25th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Joseph Blewer,	Timothy Matlack,
John Bull,	Francis Gurney,
Sam'l C. Morris,	Owen Biddle.
John Bayard,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Nicholas Hicks £316 0 2, being in full for paving & repairing the Barracks.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to John Haslewood £150, to be charged to his Account.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Thomas Nevill £100, to be charged to his Account for making Gun Carriages.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Samuel Morris, Jun'r, £500, to be charged to his Account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Arthur Donaldson £200, to be charged to his Account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Evans £80 0 0, for 200 Pitching axes delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver the Marine Committee of Congress 800 Swivel Shot, taking a receipt.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Henry Litman £55 6 2, for Iron Work for Fire Rafts.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Board, it is most prudent to pay Capt. Cochran's company, agreeable to their demand, therefore recommend it to the Committee of Congress to pay his accounts as they Stand, especially considering the readiness with which they stepped forward at the late call of the Militia, and of the necessity of an immediate call on them for the common defence.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Capt. George Calhoon, for 200 Dollars, for recruiting Service, he to be accountable for it.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Capt. Matthew Henderson, for 200 Dollars, for the recruiting Service, he to be Accountable for it.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn by Vanbibber & Usher, of Baltimore, for £805 0 0, in favor of Mr. John Mease, for Freight of 23,000 lbs. of Gun Powder from St. Martins' to Baltimore, & now in the Warehouse of Isaac Vanbibber at that place.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Owen Biddle, Esq'r, £104 0 0, for attending the late Committee of Safety 260 days, @ 8s.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock; when the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bayard,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Timothy Matlack,	George Gray.
Francis Gurney,	

In Consequence of a meeting with as many of the Field Officers of the Battalions of the City & Liberties of Philad'a as could be convened, it was, upon consideration, agreed on to present a memorial to the General Assembly on the Resolves of Congress with Respect to calling out the militia, and on the present State of the military Association; and a Committee of this Board was ordered to prepare a draft of such memorial, to be delivered to the House to-morrow morning.

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In Council of Safety, November 26th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Sam'l. Morris, Sen'r,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Timothy Matlack,	John Bayard,
Joseph Blewer,	John Hubley,
James Cannon,	Francis Gurney.
Owen Biddle,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Wm. Scott £1 11 6, for repairing Arms.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. Robert Towers his Acco't for Men's wages, making Cartridges, &ca, &ca, £52 2 6.

Resolved, That Mr. Kuhl & Mr. Keppele be appointed to Audit & Settle the Accounts of the Commissioners of Bedford County, for Calling out the Militia for the Protection of the Frontiers of the State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Hagan, £2 19 6, for Sundry Services in Carting for Col. Attle's Batt'n, while at Chester, & Sundries for Col. Waijer's Batt'n, £1 10 to be charged to Congress, & £1 9 6, to be charged to this State.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Richard Humpton, for Two Thousand Dollars, to the purpose of paying Bounty money for His Regiment, to be Charged to his Acco't.

[Here insert the memorial to Assembly.]

Ordered, That Col. Matlack & Mr S. C. Morris wait on the Hon'ble House of Assembly, with the foregoing Memorial.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock.

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Met according to adjournment.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Fred. Kuhl,
Joseph Blewer,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Francis Gurney,	John Hubley,
Timothy Matlack,	James Cannon.
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn on this board by Ross & Ega, in fav'r of Levi Hollingsworth, for Five Hundred Pounds, on Acco't of Cannon Shot cast by them.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. William Rush, for £250, on acco't of Work done for the State, to be charged to his Acco't.

Resolved, That the regulations concerning Salt, of the 15th October last, be continued untill the 1st day of January next, and

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that Messrs. George Schlosser, Jacob Schriner, Philip Boem, William Moulder, William Will, Geo. Bartram, Samuel Simpson, Nathaniel Dennel, Thomas Cuthbert, Sen'r, Richard Dennis, John Taylor, & Wm. Robeson, be appointed to carry them into execution and to distribute the Salt imported, in the most Equitable manner, between the Inhabitants of this and the neighbouring States.

In Council of Safety, November 27th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Joseph Blewer,
Owen Biddle,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley,	Timothy Matlack,
Samuel C. Morris,	Francis Gurney.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Bernard Dougherty, Esq'r, for £549 1 0, for the Pay of a Company of Rangers, Commanded by Capt. Baxter, raised in Bedford County, for the defence of the Frontiers of this State, against the depredations of the Indians, agreeable to a resolve of Convention.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Fleming, for Thirty seven pounds ten Shillings, for the purpose of Purchasing Coarse Woolens, &ca, for this State, he to be Accountable.

Resolved, That Peter Grubb, jun'r, & James Lang, be appointed Captains in the 10th Battalion of Continental Troops raised by this State, Commanded by Col. J. Penrose.

Resolved, That the Council will receive applications for Commissions in the 10th Batalion of Continental Troops to be raised by this State, under the command of Colonel Joseph Penrose, until the 2d Day of December next, after which they will proceed to the appointment.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Benjamin Loxley, for One hundred Pounds, for carrying on the Cannon Foundery, charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Spangler & Wiley £15 5 0, for riding Express, Horse Hire, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. John Dunlap £35 16 0, for Cartridge Paper, Printing, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Peter Hardman, £10 12 9, for collecting Arms, &ca., in Chester County.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wolery Meng for 195 Bayonet scabbards d'd to Mr. Towers, £29 5 0.

Agreeable to the resolution of Congress of 23rd Instant, respecting the Calling out part of the Militia of this State, an order was

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sent down from Congress on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer to the Continent, dated the 25th Inst., for Thirty five Thousand Dollars, for advancing a Month's pay to each man who shall enrol himself to serve 'till the 10th March next, unless sooner discharged.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lewis Grant £420 0, for Copper work for the Floating Battery Putnam.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of John Mitchell, Esqr., for £1500, to be charged to his Acco't.

Resolved, That Joseph Erwing, Jos. McClelan, be appointed Captains in the 9th Pen'a Regiment, Commanded by Colonel James Irvine.

Mr. Nesbitt is John Elmslie £6 5 0, for Turner's Work delivered to Col. Clement Biddle, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Christopher Breidenhart, for thirty-seven pounds ten shillings & six pence, for repairing of Guns for the Militia.

Mr. Kuhl took the order of Congress, & received the sum of 35,000 Dollars, which he deposited with the Council.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock, when the following Members Met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley,	Timothy Matlack,
Sam'l C. Morris,	Samuel Morris, Sen'r.
Joseph Blewer,	

Gentlemen,

In full Confidence of your prudence and Activity, the Council do hereby appoint and Authorize you, in Consequence of several resolves of Congress, to call upon the Housekeepers of this City and Liberties, for as many Blankets and woolen Stockings as each Family can spare, for the Use of the American Army, and if any person shall be so Insensible to the distresses of our Countrymen now in the service, and to the dictates of Humanity, as to refuse, or anywise withold them, you are to make use of proper force. You are to pay a reasonable price for the Blankets and stockings so taken, for which purpose you will be supplied with money by this Board; they are to be delivered, as Collected, to Messrs. Mease & Caldwell.

Resolved, That John Davis be appointed Captain in the Ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, in the Continental Service, to be commanded by Colonel James Irvine.

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In Council of Safety, November 28th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Joseph Blewer,	Timothy Matlack,
Sam'l C. Morris,	James Cannon,
John Bayard,	Francis Gurney.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for £500, on Acco't of the Lock Factory, to be Charged to his Acco't.

Town meeting.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock.

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Met at 3 o'Clock, according to adjournment.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	John Hubley,
Joseph Blewer,	Fred. Kuhl,
James Cannon,	John Bull,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Francis Gurney.
Timothy Matlack,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following Accounts: Jacob Aubell, £2 10 0, for going express to Northampton; Ebenezer Lundy, for 200 Cartouch Boxes, & 200 Bayonet Belts, £137 10 0.

Capt. Henry Lott, two acco'ts, amo't £52 11 3, for Arms Purchased in Bucks County, & taken into Service, to be Charged to Col. Hart; also an acco't £5 4 0, for Expences Collecting Arms.

Benjamin Poultney, for Procuring Intrenching Tools, &ca., £10 0 0.

Col. Kirkbride £3 10 0, for 7 p'r Stockings.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. James Dundass, for £500, on Acco't of the Fortification at Billingsport, to be charged to his Acco't.

Resolved, That the Officers & Men of the Artillery in the service of this State be allowed the same pay and allowance as the Officers & Men in the Continental service, from the next Pay-day.

Resolved, That Col. Bull be ordered to send the Men that were employed at Billingsport, down to that place to-morrow Morning.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Brown £320 1 3, for Ironwork done for this State.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jeremiah Baker £253 7, for Wood delivered at Barracks near this City, to be charged to Congress.

Ordered, That Capt. Joseph Blewer be ordered to apply to the Marine Committee, for the Cannon which have lately Arrived in the prize Vessels that they may be mounted on Traveling Carriages.

Ordered, That Capt. Joseph Blewer be ordered to make inquiry after suitable Cannon, to mount upon traveling Carriages, and apply to the owners for them.

Resolved, That Thomas Bartholomew Bowen be appointed a Captain in the ninth Pennsylvania Regiment in the Continental Service, Commanded by Colonel James Irvine.

Ordered, That Mr Robert Towers be directed to deliver the Public Arms to the Commanding Officers of Companies of Militia of the City & Liberties, upon their application, taking receipts for the same.

Resolved, That the necessities of divers poor persons, women, children, &c., belonging to the Army, in passing thro' this City, requires the attention of this Board, and therefore the several members are required to relieve them as occations may offer, and this board will pay the Expence.

Resolved, That the Salt to be sent to the several Counties of this State be sold out to the Militia only who go into actual Service at this time, or to their families, in the manner directed in our resolve of the 28rd Instant, as sent to the Committees.

In Council of Safety, Novem'r 29th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Samuel Morris,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley,	Henry Wynkoop,
Francis Gurney,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Joseph Blewer,	John Bull.
John Bayard,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Jas. Penrose, for 2000 Dollars, towards recruiting expenses for Tenth Penn'a Regiment, in Continental Service, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Matthew Irwin, for £1200, for the purpose of purchasing Blankets, &c., from the Inhabitants of the City & Liberties.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Geo. Hutton & others, for Forty Dollars, as a reward for apprehending John Denover, a highway rober.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay Geo. Ginter, for going express to York, Cumberland, & Lancaster Counties, to order Militia to March, £11 17 6, charge Congress.

James Barnes, for Glasing at the Hospital on Province Island, £4 2 6.

Esther Burke, for 10 Weeks' nursing Sick Soldiers, £5 10 0.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Lieut. Col'l Nagle, for 3000 Dollars, to be charged to Col'l James Irvine of 9th Regiment.

Mr. Nesbit was directed to pay Icabod Groves for 25 tons Ballast, £5.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Fred. Verner £10, for Riding Express to York, Lancaster, & Cumberland Counties, to countermand marching of Militia.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Pringle £243 15, for 130 Barrels Turpentine, (in Mr. Pringle's Store).

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt'n Nathan Gibson £6 5 0, for Powder Horns, &ca., &ca., to be charged to Col. Paschall.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Henry Wynkoop £44 18 8, for repairing Arms of Col. Kechline's Regiment.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. Wynkoop £1 12 0, for expences for collecting Arms from Non-associators in Bucks County, & £5 10 0, for a Riffle; £5 10 0, to be charged to Colonel Joseph Hart.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Andrew Ashton £4 10 0, for Iron Work for the Armed Boat Delaware.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Christian Dull £18 9 9, for dieting Flying Camp men, to be charged to Congress; also £3 0 0, for nursing of Sick men.

Resolved, That Mr. George Bickham be employed as Quarter Master for this State, with the rank, pay, & Rations of a Captain; and that Mr. Biddle is to send, under his care, to the Pennsylvania Battalion, now Commanded by Major Williams, such a supply of Clothing as he has in his Possession, that they may Stand in need of.

Agreeable to resolve of Congress, a Commission for Letter of Marque was this day granted to Michael Barstow, Commander of the Brig Industry, mounting Ten Carriages' Guns, (4 Pounders,) Burthen about 100 Tons, navigated by Twenty-five men, owned by Blair McClenachan.

Resolved, That Mathew Brooke, Leonard Stoneburner, and Jacob Engle, do provide as many Teams as they can Immediately to remove the Stores from this City, for which service they are authorized to pay Two shillings & ten pence ℔ mile, for carrying Twenty Hundred weight from Philad'a, and shall be allowed Fifteen Shillings ℔ day each for their own Trouble, while they are employed in this service.

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Resolved, That this Council will provide generously, and in the least exceptionable manner they can devise, for the Families of the associators, who shall march into New Jersey to Join General Washington, Exclusive of their pay, out of such monies as they have at their disposal, unless the House of Assembly shall, before that time, make the Interposition of this board Unnecessary.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock, when the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Timothy Matlack,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Francis Gurney,
John Hubley,	Henry Wynkoop.
Joseph Blewer,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel Richard Hampton, for 2000 dollars, for the purpose of paying Bounty money & recruiting expences for the Eleventh Penn'a Regiment.

In Council of Safety, November 30th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
John Hubley,	Joseph Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	Henry Wynkoop,
Francis Gurney,	Sam'l C. Morris,
John Bull,	James Cannon.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Capt. William Brown £214 9 9, being the Balance of his acc't for Bounty money & recruiting expences, &ca, & Sundry necessaries for the Putnam Battery.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Henry Lott, of Bucks co, Three days Pay for himself, 2 Lieutenants, 2 Sergeants, one Drumer, & 16 Privates, they being on March to this City by a late order of the Council, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Henry Wynkoop, Esq'r, for arms, &ca, Purchased by him & delivered to the Militia, Balance £10 10 0, also £223 16 4½, being the Balance of his acco't as Treasurer for the Committee of Bucks County for

Ordered, That the proportion of Salt belonging to this State for the County of Philadelphia, be immediately put into the Hands of the Colonels or Commanding officers of the Battalions of Militia of said County, to be sold out on the terms mentioned in our resolves of the 23rd Instant, to the Militia who go into actual Service only.

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Resolved, That in the present allarming situation of our affairs, it is Highly expedient that no vessells should be suffered to depart this Port untill further orders from this board.

The Commodore was directed to stop all vessels from passing thro' the Chevaux de Frize.

Ordered, That Capt'n William Brown do furnish a Guard for the Salt Vessels, when applied to by the Salt Committee for that purpose.

Resolved, That money be sent immediately to the Colonels of the Militia of Chester, Phila'd, Bucks & Northampton Counties, & City of Philadelphia, to Supply the Families of such associators as go into actual service and may stand in need of the same; and that each Battalion do Choose two subalterns, substantial Freeholders, who are to receive from the Colonels of their respective Battalions the said money and distribute it amongst the said Families, from time to time, according to their need, in the most discreet manner, for which money they are to account with this board.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col'n Timothy Greene the sum of fifty-two pounds ten shillings, for the attendance of fifers and Drummers to his Battalion in Lancaster County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Michael Goodman £4 16 0, & John Rabson 17s 6, for Porterage of Stores for Mr. Towers.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock, when the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Francis Gurney,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Hubley,
Fred. Kuhl,	James Cannon,
Joseph Blewer,	John Bull.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Matthias Woolfert £42 0 0, for 600 Bushels of Coal, delivered to Major Loxley, for the use of the Brass Cannon Foundery.

Mr. Richard Dormond was employed by this Council to procure 10 Waggons at the Same rate Mr. Brooks was employed yesterday, if he procures 10 waggons, & in proportion for any lesser number.

December 2nd, 1776.

Resolved, That Mr. Abraham Hargues be appointed first Lieutenant under Captain Long, in the 10th Battalion, Commanded by Col. Penrose.

Resolved, That Mr. William Brown be appointed first Lieutenant under Captain Irwin, in the 9th Battalion, Commanded by Colonel Irwin.

Resolved, That Mr. Joseph Carson be appointed Paymaster to the Second Battalion of associators of this City.

Wm. Parr, Esq'r, was directed to remove all the Records and Public Papers in his Possession to Lancaster immediately.

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Resolved, That the members of Assembly be requested to nominate suitable persons for Field Officers to Command the militia in the Counties of Lancaster, York, Berks, Cumberland, Bedford, Westmoreland, and Northumberland, and return their names to this Council to be Commissioned.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Messrs. John Barnhill & John Wilson £150 0 0, for the purpose of Purchasing Blankets & Stockings from the Inhabitants of this city, to be charged to their acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Hill & Marrot £94 12 8, for a flat Bottom Boat, Oars, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Alexander Mackey £71 5 0, & £106 17 6, for Waggon Hire, &ca., to be changed to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wm. McMullen £42 2 6, for days' works on board the armed Boat Convention.

Resolved, That Mr. Joseph Redman, Jun'r, be appointed Surgeon, & Mr. Hugh Hodge, Jun'r, Surgeon's mate, to Colonel Bayard's Battalion of Militia of the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jacob Myers £12 16 10, for Smith's Work done at Fort Island.

Capt. Newman is permitted to take one or two of the Field pieces in the State House yard, & proceed with them and his men to the assistance of G'l Washington.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Major Lewis Nicola for £150 0 0, on acco't of Repairs of Barracks, &ca., to be Charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Mr. Isaac Coates & Mr. Conrod Weaver be added to the Committee appointed to Collect Blankets & Stockings.

Resolved, That Capt. Samuel Williams be appointed Lieut't, & Capt. Thomas Read to join General Washington.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock.

At a Special meeting of the Council of Safety, December 1st, 1776.

PRESENT:

David Rittenhouse,	John Hubley,
Owen Biddle,	James Cannon,
Timothy Matlack,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bull,	Fred. Kuhl.
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	

Resolved, That Mr. William Richards & Mr. Mathew Clarkson be appointed to provide every necessary for accommodating the militia on their passage from here to Trenton, to have Oars fixed to each Shallop, and proportion the number of men each can carry.

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Dispatched expresses to Chester, Philad'a, Bucks & Northampton counties, to hasten the march of Militia to reinforce Gen'l Washington in New Jersey.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock; when the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Jos. Blewer,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
Timothy Matlack,	Sam'l C. Morris,
John Bull,	James Cannon.
John Hubley,	

Resolved, That Major Proctor do send fifty of his Privates with proper officers, under the Command of Captain Thomas Forrest, to General Washington, without delay, that they are to take with them two Brass Field pieces belonging to this State, and Major Proctor is to lay before this board an estimate of Stores, waggons, and Camp equipage, necessary for that service, that they may be supplied without delay.

Resolved, That Mr. John Morris, jun'r, be appointed to act as Quarter Master of the Militia of this State, now ordered into Service, with the Rank, pay and Rations of a Lieutenant Colonel, and that he make application to the Quarter Master General for orders to prepare suitable Quarters for the Militia at Trenton, or such other Place as may be necessary, and that he pay due Obedience to such orders and Instructions as he may receive from him or the Deputy Quarter Master General.

In Council of Safety, December 2nd, 1776.

PRESENT:

David Rittenhouse,	Ty. Matlack,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
Owen Biddle,	John Hubley,
James Cannon,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Joseph Blewer,	John Bayard.

Resolved, That all Vessells Cleared out at the Naval Office before this date, be suffered to depart this Port and Pass thro' the Chevaux de Frize.

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Met at 3 O'Clock.

PRESENT:

THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse, Jos. Blewer,
James Cannon, Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley, Sam'l Morris, Sen'r.
Timothy Matlack,

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favor of Elijah Dow, for £35 0 0, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favor of Jacob Lush, for one Ton of Salt Petre to manufacture.

Resolved, That no person be permitted to pass over the Ferries on Delaware and Schuylkil from this City with fire-arms, without especial orders from this Council.

Resolved, That Mr. John Fromberger, do deliver to Mr. Towers the 6000 Knap Sacks in his possession.

Resolved, That Major Lewis Nicola be appointed Town Major, and directed Immediately to enrol all such persons as are not fit to march with the militia, in the several wards in the City, as Guards.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Col. John Cadwalader, for 3,500 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't, being for the purpose of paying a month's advance to his Battalion of Associators.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Major Sam'l Nicholas 300 Bayonet Belts & Cartouch Boxes.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Gunning Bedford £120 0 0, for Carting sundries for Fire Rafts & other services for that purpose.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Huddle £93 12 0, for 117 Barrels of Tarr delivered to Captain Hazlewood.

Resolved, That such of the inhabitants of the several wards in this City and districts as are not fit to march into the Field, do form themselves into Companies, in order to Guard the powder Magazine and Fire Rafts; to Patrol the streets at Knight, and do other duties that may be found necessary, for which service they are to receive Continental pay, and that they may enrol themselves immediately under Lewis Nichola, Esq'r, Town Major.

Delivered Captain Huston 11 Rugs & Blankets.

Resolved, That Captain Lang be permitted to enroll so many men as Volunteers to join his Company, as may be sufficient to augment said Company to seventy six privates, such Volunteers to enter into immediate pay, and to serve one month, unless sooner discharged; no men to be taken who are already enroled in any of the militia Battalions of the City & Liberties, or Counties in this State.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this board, that all the shops in this City be shut up, that the schools be broke up, and the inhabitants engaged solely in providing for the defence of this City at this time of extreme danger.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A., Dec'r 3rd, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

John Bayard,	James Cannon,
David Rittenhouse,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Joseph Blewer,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley,	Francis Gurney.
Owen Biddle,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for £500, to be charged to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel John Bayard, for 3000 Dollars, for the purpose of paying his Battalion a Month's Wages, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn in favour of Wm. Parr, Esq'r, for £100.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Matthew Moffatt, £30 0 0, towards Iron work done for the Chevaux de Frize.

An order was drawn in fav'r of Major Proctor, for £500.

An order was drawn in fav'r of Commodore Seymour, 400 Dollars.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of James Barnes, £100, to purchase Blankets, to be charged to his acco't.

General Washington having recommended that the Militia of the State of Pennsylvania be formed into Brigades, and Officers appointed to command them; therefore,

Resolved, That the associators of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia, be formed into one Brigade under the command of Colonel John Cadwalader, as eldest Colonel.

An order was drawn Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Christian Shaffer, for £100, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn in fav'r of Messrs. Williams, for £150, towards building the Delaware Armed Boat, to be charged to their acco't.

The officers of the Second Battalion of Militia, having expressed some dissatisfaction with our appointment of Joseph Carson as Paymaster; therefore,

Resolved, That Doct'r David Jackson be appointed Paymaster in his Stead, to the said Battalion, he being recommended to us by the said Officers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Catharine Barr 10s for delivering a Gun left at her House by a deserter.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3rd.

Ordered, That the Ferryman of this City & Liberties, do immediately take over to Cooper's Ferries all their Boats, and the two large flat bottom boats belonging to this State, now at Kensington, under the care of Captain Benjamin Eyre, to transport the Maryland flying Camp across the Delaware to this City.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Richard Chew £4 14 6, for Stone delivered at the piers at Fort Island.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of David Potter, for £400 0 0, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Mr. John Hubley, for the Committee of Lancaster County, for £200, for the use of poor Associators' Families now in the Flying Camp.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Col Richard Hampton, of the 11th Pen'a Regiment in Continental Service, such arms & accoutrements as he may want for his Reg't, taking a receipt.

Delivered 5 Blankets for the use of Capt. Copperthwait's Comp'y, of 1st Batt'n of this City.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock; when the following members met:

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, President.

Owen Biddle,	David Rittenhouse,
John Hubley,	John Bayard,
Joseph Blewer,	Sam'l Morris, sen'r.
James Cannon,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Wm. Bowen, for £100 0 0, to be charged to his Acco't.

Delivered to Capt'n Tho's Fitzimons 40 Blankets.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Joseph Bergstotter 30s, & Jacob Stroud £8 0 0, for a Riffle Gun lost on Long Island, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wm. Smith £37 0 6, for diching, &ca., at Fort Island.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Owen Biddle, for £1000, to be charged to his Acco't.

Resolved, That the Members in General Assembly for the Counties of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks, & Lancaster, be applied to Immediately, to recommend proper persons in their respective Counties, to be employed by this board to Hire all the waggons in their Counties.

Resolved, That this board will furnish any persons who may form themselves into a Troop of Horse, with a brace of Pistols and a Broad sword; and it is recommended to the persons so forming a Troop, immediately to choose their Officers and Prepare to march, to Join General Washington with all expedition in their Power.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay Edward Wawhap £10 11 0, for Linen & woolen Cloth, &ca.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Col. Jno. Bayard, for 1500 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Col. Stroud, for a Musket, £1 10 0.

Resolved, That the Militia of Northumberland County who turn out as Volunteers, do choose proper persons to be recommended to this Council, to be appointed Field Officers for the Battalion of said County.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favour of Colonel Cadwalader, for £500, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mrs. Savadge £15 0 0, to be charged to Mr. Thomas Savadge.

The Council being informed that some waggons have lately been impressed into the public service by mistake, do hereby assure the Public that it is not their intention to impress any except in cases of the utmost necessity, they having employed proper persons to give generous prices to those who engage voluntarily, which, we hope, will render impressing unnecessary.

Resolved, That Mr. John Schaffer be appointed paymaster of The First Battalion of Militia of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia.

In Council of Safety, December 4th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	James Cannon,
Frederick Kuhl,	John Bayard,
Timothy Matlack,	Jos. Blewer,
Owen Biddle,	Francis Gurney.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Captain Sharp Delany, for £100 0 0, for the purpose of providing for the families of his Company of Militia while in service, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Henry Wawhup for £8 15 0, for 8¾ yards of Clothe, & Sam'l Dickey £15 5 0, for 15¼ yds. do.

Capt. Wm. Richards was directed to deliver Mr. Daniel Evans half a Ton of Iron, for Tire for Gun Carriages, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Messrs. Robins, Dun, & Hail, £150 0 0, to be charged to their acco't.

The Council having found it necessary to call the attention of the Good people of this City to measures for its Immediate defence, ordered that the Shops should be shut up, &c. The readiness with which this order has been Complied with by all ranks of men, affords

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an instance of Public virtue greatly to the Honor of the City; But as the Associators who are about to March must be supplied with the necessaries which they may want, it is, therefore, earnestly recommended to all persons to give the Associators all the Assistance of every kind, which may be in their Power, anything in said Resolve notwithstanding.

Resolved, That no Landlord or other Creditor ought to distress the Family of any associator while he is out in the Service of his Country, and that this Council will take notice of any Complaint which shall be made against such as shall be found to transgress this resolution.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of James Biddle, Esq'r, for £15, to defray the Expence of conveying the public Papers to Reading.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Doct'r Robert Harris, for £58, for making Powder for Congress, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Doct'r Robert Harris one Ton of Salt Petre, & Sulphor in proportion, to make into Gun Powder.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Colonel Arthur Irwin, of Bucks County, for £375, advance money for his Battalion, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Holmes for Wood & other Necessaries for Prisoners & Officers' Servants at Carlisle, £12 17 2.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wm. Tod £18 10 0, for Carriage wheels delivered to David Pancoast, to Mount Cannon on Carriages, to be charged to Congress.

The Wardens of this city having represented to the Council the great Inconvenience which would ensue, if the watchmen were obliged to March with the Militia, and the board being of opinion that it is absolutely necessary for the Safety and protection of the property and Families of the Militia in their absence, as well as of the inhabitants in General, that the watchmen light the Lamps and Patroll the streets as usual; therefore,

Resolved, That the several watchmen in this City be permitted to remain and do pass as heretofore.

Adjourned to 8 o'Clock; when the following members met:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Blewer,
James Cannon,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley,	John Bull.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Geo. Goodwin, £121 10 11, being the Balance of Pay due to his Company of Militia of the 1st Battalion of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia, when in Service last Summer.

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A Comm'n was Granted to Stephen Beasley, 2nd Ensign to Cap't Jno. Wharton's Comp'y of 3 Batt'n of the City & Liberties of Philad'a.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay George Way for 4 pair of Wheels, d'd by Thomas Nevell, £10 15 0.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan of the 1st Batt'n of the City & Liberties of Philad'a, for £1500, to advance a month's pay to his Battalion, & charge the same to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Anthony Morris, jun'r, £30 18 0, for Beer deliver'd to John Coburn.

The following Resolve of Congress was directed to be put on the Minutes:

"In Congress, December 4th, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Council of Safety of Pennsylvania, to detain the Printers engaged in Printing Certificates for the Continental Loan Offices, and to direct that they Continue Executing the business in which they are employed.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y."

Resolved, That David Hall, Francis Wrigley, John Harris, John George, Henry Miller, & William Smith, Workmen in Hall & Sellers' Printing Office, be detained for the purpose mentioned in the above Resolves of Congress.

Commissions was granted to Jacob Morgan, Colonel & W. Coates, Lieutenant Colonel of the 1st Battalion of Associators of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to receive of Mr. Jacob Schriner £663 17 6, for Salt sold belonging to Stephen & Jos. Shewell & Jos'a Fisher & Son.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Parke £53 10 0, for 107 axes delivered to Capt. Bickham.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jno Morton £3 6 0, for Wharfage of the Floating Battery Arnold, in March last.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Col. Gurney £13 0 0, for 52 lb. of Nitre, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Elias Botner £9 10 6, for 127 lbs. of Trail Rope for Cannon, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Resolved, That Thomas Marle be employed to fix the Boom to the Piers at Fort Island, and to be stationed there to have the Care of it, to receive orders, and be Subject to the Commanding officer at that Station, and he is to employ a sufficient number of hands, and do this Business without any delay.

Resolved, That Jacob Hinman and John Clew be permitted to continue at the old Ferry, it being expected that Troops from New Jersey will Pass over to this City, and that they may be wanted.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Wade for drummers & fifers Wages, £16 10 0.

Resolved, That Mr. Hugh Craig be appointed paymaster to the 11th Penn'a Regiment in Continental Service, Commanded by Col. Richard Humpton.

In Council of Safety, December 5th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Owen Biddle,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley,	Jos. Blewer,
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	Timothy Matlack,
Francis Gurney,	James Cannon.
John Bayard,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Hugh Cunningham £152 15 0, for 235 pair Shoes d'd to Capt. Bickham, Q'r M'r.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to Major Loxley, 30 lbs. Salt Petre, Ten pounds of Powder, & 6 Quire of Port Fire Paper, for the use of the State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Christopher Ludwick £11 5 0, in part for Services done at Camp last Summer, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Rob't Bailey £25, for the support of families of Poor associators families, during their absence in Camp, of Capt. McElwain's Company of the 3rd Batt'n of this City, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay David Kennedy £108 8 0, for Cloth delivered to Capt. Geo. Bickham, Q'r M'r.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. John Hulings, of Col. Woods' Battalion, for 500 Dollars, for the purpose of recruiting men.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay James Worrel & Rob't Allison £259 7 5, being the Balance of their Acco't for Work done at Fort Island, from 15 July to 17 August.

The Following Commissions were granted for the 2nd Battalion of the City and Liberties of Philad'a:

Matthew Erwin & Benj'n Harberson, Esq'r, Captains; Cha's Wm. Peal, 1st Lieu't; ——— Haverstick, Ensign; Jos. Redman, j'r, Surgeon; & Hugh Hodge, j'r, Surgeon's Mate, & Wm. Means, 2nd Lieutenant.

Commissions were Granted to the following Gentlemen: John Eyre, Esq'r, Captain; Wm. Brown, 1st Lieutenant; John Brown 2nd Lieu't; & Samuel Williams Lieutenant in artillery of Militia, associated for the defence of the Liberties of America.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay Michael Groves £9 0 0, for riding Express to call the militia, & hasten their March to join General Washington, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Col. Francis Gurney, for 1000 Dollars, for the use of Col'l Humpton's Reg't, to be charged to him.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. John Dunlap £150 18 0, for Cartridge Paper delivered to Mr. Towers.

Resolved, That Mr. Wm. Crespin be imployed to take 50,000 Musket Cartridges to Camp, and distribute them to such of the Associators as the Commanding Officer may direct.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co. £500, & charge the same to their acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Rob't Towers, Commissary, £52 18 7½, for men's Wages, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. John Fullerton £50, for the purpose of supplying the families of Associators in Capt. Semple's Company, in 3rd Batt'n of the City & Liberties of Philad'a, & charge the same to his Acco't. Also to pay Mr. James Cannon £50, for the use of the Families of Associators in Captain Harbeson's Company of the 2nd Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wm. Fulton £108 10 0, for Cloth delivered to Capt. Bickham.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to Major Lewis Nicola 78 Stand of Old Arms & 3 Rounds of Ammunition for each, to mount Guard in & near this City.

Mr. Thomas Marle was directed to take ten men to Fort Island, in order to fix the Boom under the direction of Major Thomas Proctor, & Capt. Richards was directed to supply Mr. Marle with Tackles & other necessaries for that purpose. Mr. Marle was directed to take the Barge belonging to the Ship Montgomery.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Jacob Gerrard Dirk 200 Dollars to inlist men, to be charged to Col. James Irwine, of the 9th Penn'a Reg't, in Continental Service.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock.

Members met.

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley,	John Bayard,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Bull,
Geo. Gray,	James Cannon.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lawrence Souder, on acco't of Mr. John Britton, for £100, to be charged to Mr. Britton.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. James Dundass, for £500, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That the Pennsylvania Hospital be taken up and employed for the sick Troops of the Continental Army, in Compliance with a request of Congress, and that the said Troops be provided with Medicine and every necessary.

Resolved, That Major William Masters be appointed Paymaster to the Artillery (Militia) of this State.

Resolved, That Mr. Nathaniel Luff be appointed Surgeon of the First Battalion of Militia of the City & Liberties of Philad'a.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Mr. Wm. Masters, for £50, being for advance money to Artillery Companys, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Matthew Young £20 10 0, for Painting the Armed Boat Convention, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Christopher Key £3 0 0, for a pair of Cart Wheels delivered to Mr. David Pancoast, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. Christopher Marshall be employed to assist the Physicians in providing for the sick, and that he have authority to employ proper persons to assist him in procuring Houses for them to lodge, and such other necessaries as may alleviate their distresses & render them comfortable.

Resolved, That John Nelson, Esq'r, be appointed Captain of a Company of Foot in the 9th Penn'a Regiment, Commanded by Colonel James Irvine, in Continental Service.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Capt. John Nelson, of the 9th Penn'a Regiment, Commanded by Col. James Irvine, for four Hundred Dollars, to be charged to the Colonel.

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Martin be appointed Paymaster to the Northumberland County Militia, now going into Service.

Capt. Matthew Smith is promoted to a Majority in the 9th Battalion, Commanded by Col. Irvine.

Resolved, That Major Henry Becker of the 10th Battalion, be promoted to Lieutenant Col. in the 6th Battalion, Commanded by Col. Magaw.

In Council of Safety, December 6th, 1776.

PRESENT:

Tho's Wharton, jun'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
David Rittenhouse,	Owen Biddle,
Benj'n Bartholomew,	Joseph Blewer.
John Hubley,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Lieut. Col. Thomas Hartley for 3000 Dollars, for recruiting Service for the

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7th Penn'a Reg't in Continental Service, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Lt. Col. Francis Johnson, for 1000 Dollars, for recruiting Service for 5th Reg't, charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay George Weis £55 11 8, for 7 Dozen & 8 p'r of Stockings.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Rob't Erwin £300, for the payment of waggon Hire, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay to Mr. Nicholas Low £75 5 0, for 158 Cuttlasses d'd to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Benj'n Armitage 16s for dieting 2 Indians, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Joseph Ross £6 16 6, for Swanskin, &ca. delivered to Capt. Bickham, Qr. Mr.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jacob Dies £5 0 0, for going express to hurry the marching of Militia to Join General Washington.

Capt. G. Resberg, A. D. Q. M. Gen'l, was directed to take up the Colledge Hall to Store the Medicine sent from Head Quarters.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Kinsel £5 0 0; George Weis £3 15 0; Wm. Morris £11 13 0, and John Bray £11 3 0, for going express to call the Militia to Join Gen. Washington.

Mr. Nesbitt ordered to pay Col. Joseph Penrose fifteen hundred Dollars, to be charged to Col. Penrose acco't.

An orde rwas drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Mr. Wm. Masters, for £200, to advance Money to Artillery of the Militia of this City.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Mr. Thos. Nevil, for £200, to be charged to him.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Mr. Rob't Jewell, for 300 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Robert Lewis £400, for advance money to his Battalion of Militia of Philad'a Co., to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Maj'r Adam Hubley be appointed Major of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment in Continental Service, Commanded by Colonel Joseph Penrose, in the room of Major Henry Becker, Promoted.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Elijah Davis £69 14 0, for arms Purchased for his Company, & for Drummers & fifers wages £63 6 6, to be charged to the Captain, & £6 7 6 to this State.

A Commission was granted to Mr. George Evans, Surgeon to the 3 Battalion of Militia of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That Major Isaac Melchor, Mr. Thomas Smith and Captain William Davis, be authorized and empowered, with Mr. Christopher Marshall and Mr. Thomas Casdrop, to provide and take care of the Sick Troops daily coming to this City from Camp, and that they make use of any Empty Houses and Stores, and other

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buildings in this City and the Liberties thereof, which they may think convenient for Lodging such Troops; and that they take to their assistance in performing the said Trust, such discreet Persons as to them shall seem meet, and this board will defray every expence thereof.

December 6th, 1776:—Met at 8 o'Clock.

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	John Hubley,
Owen Biddle,	Francis Gurney,
Benj'n Bartholomew,	Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon.
Fred. Kuhl,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Colonel Balser Geehr £11 7 4, for repairing arms, & £85 8 0, for arms taken from non-associators, to be charged to the Col; Col. Sebastian Levan £88 2 6, for arms taken from non-associators, to be charged to Col. Levan.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Major Philip Marsteller, for £600, he to be accountable to the board for the same.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. Carson £11 0 0, for one pair of delivered to David Pancoast.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Col. Andrew Kechline, £500 advance money for his Battalion, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Major Philip Marsteller £47 19 4, for Expences of a Guard at Heidelburg, during the absence of the Militia last Summer, to preserve the peace of the Town, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That all River Craft be permitted to pass from this Harbour as Usual, notwithstanding the embargo on sea vessels.

In Council of Safety, December 7th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Presid't.

Timothy Matlack,	John Hubley,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Joseph Blewer,	Fred. Kuhl.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wollry Meng for four Blankets, @ 85s, £7 0 0, Mr. Phillip Hinkle £7 0 0, for 14 pr. Stockings, Jacob Miller 18s for a Blanket.

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Elias Biddle £21 0 0, for Cloth & Blanketing d'd to Capt. Bickham, Q'r M'r.

Resolved, That this Port shall be opened on Monday next, and all Vessells be allowed to pass and Repass.

Resolved, That application be made to Congress for One Hundred Thousand Dollars, to be applied towards Furnishing the several officers with Bounty Money for enlisting men on the new Establishment, and other Exigencies of this State, and that Mr. Morris and Mr. Kuhl wait on the President for that purpose.

Commissions were fill'd up and delivered to Mr. John Hillings for 3rd Lieu't of the 1st Batt'n of the City & Liberties of Philad'a, John Bartholomew 1 Lieu't, Jeremiah Fisher 2nd Lieu't, & John Ruper, Ensign, in the 2nd Battalion of the City & Liberties of Philad'a Militia.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay

Wm. Thomson	£18 3 6, woolen & Linen Cloth,	delivered to
Wm. Robison,	14 for a Blanket,	Capt. Bickham,
Tho's Ward,	£29 9 10, for Cloth,	Q. M.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Wm. Masters, for £500, to be charged to his acc't, for advance money for Artillery.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Lieut. Col. Gurney, for 1000 Dollars, for recruiting service for the 11th Penn'a Reg't, to be charged to Col. Richard Humpton.

Agreeable to request of this board to Congress, for an order for one Hundred Thousand Dollars for Recruiting service,

An order drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r. Continental Treasurer, was sent down for that sum, which was endorsed by the President & directed to be paid to Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r to this board, & Mr. Wharton was requested to deliver it to Mr. Nesbitt.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Cap'n Daniel Larew, £56 13 6, for arms taken from non-Associators, to be charged to Col. Jos. Kirkbride, & £4 10 0 for repairs of Arms. Also, £1 7 6 for expences Collecting arms.

Commissions were granted to Wingate Newman, Captain; Wm. Baxter, Cap'n Lieut.; Nathaniel Wallace, 2nd Lieut.; & John Sober, Lieut. fire Worker of artillery in the Militia of the City & Liberties of Philad'a.

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock afternoon; When the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. President.

OWEN BIDDLE, Chairman.

Francis Gurney,	Sam'l Morris, sen'r,
James Cannon,	John Hubley,
John Bull,	Jos. Blewer.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Amos Wilkinson, for 200 Dollars.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay Geo. Weis £1 0 0, for a Blanket.
Christiana Reese £29 9 3, for Cloth.

Resolved, That the several Schools in this City be opened on Monday next, and the Education of Youth be carried on as usual.

Doctors Duffield & Delany were requested to furnish the Surgeon of the 1st Battalion of Philad'a Militia, with such medicines as he may want.

Major Lewis Nicola, Town Major, was directed to detach a sufficient number of men enrolled under him as City guards, to escort the Prisoners of war now confined in the State prison, to Newtown, Bucks County, in order for exchange, by order of General Washington.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay William Rush for Horse Hire for Expresses,	£2	5	0	To be charged to Congress.
Augustine Ruppele, for going express to Northumberland County to hurry the marching of Militia,	13	15	0	
George Weis, for Riding express to Maryland,	6	5	0	
Geo. Gunther, for Riding express & attending with his Horse,	5	17	6	

Whereas, The safety and security of every State depends on the virtuous exertions of individuals in its defence, and as such exertions can never be more reasonable and necessary than where a people are wantonly invaded by a powerfull army, for the avowed purpose of enslaving them, which is at present the unhappy situation of our neighbouring States, and which may hourly be expected in this; therefore,

Resolved, That no excuse ought to be admitted or deemed sufficient against marching of the Militia at this time, except sickness, infirmity of Body, age, Religious Scruples, or an absolute order from authority of this State.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, that every person who is so void of Honor, virtue and Love of his Country, as to refuse his assistance at this time of eminent public danger, may justly be suspected of designs Inimical to the Freedom of America; And, Where such designs are very apparent from the Conduct of Particular persons, such persons ought to be confined during the absence of the Militia, and the Officers of this State to have particular regard to the above resolve and to act accordingly, with vigour, Prudence and discretion, Reserving appeals to this Council, or a Committee thereof, where the same is requested.

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At a Special Meeting of the Council of Safety, December 8th, 1776—2 o'Clock, morning.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. Presid't.

Timothy Matlack,	James Cannon,
John Hubley,	Francis Gurney,
Fred. Kuhl,	Joseph Blewer.

A letter was laid before the board from Col. Bayard to Mr. Andrew Hodge, dated at Trenton, 2 o'Clock yesterday afternoon, informing that General Howe was advancing at the Head of his Army towards Head-Quarters at Princetown.

Whereupon Commodore Seymour was sent for and directed to order all the armed Boats to be dispatched to Trenton Immediately, to assist in removing the Stores & any other service that may be required.

Adjourned of 9 o'Clock, when the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

John Bull,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Timothy Matlack,	John Hubley,
James Cannon,	Jos. Blewer.
Owen Biddle,	

Ordered, That the several Ferries, over Schuylkill, be put in a condition to give the utmost assistance to the Citizens, and others, who may have occasion to and repass in this Time of danger.

The Commodore was ordered up with the armed Boats to proceed to Trentown, and put himself under the directions of Gen'l Washington, &c.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut't Henderson & Boyd, for Ten Thousand Dollars, for recruiting service for 12 Penn'a Regiment, to be charged to Colonel Wm. Cook.

Adjourned to 2 o'Clock, afternoon, when the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Timothy Matlack,	Owen Biddle,
Joseph Blewer,	James Cannon,
John Hubley,	Frederick Kuhl.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt for £500, to be paid to Christoph'r Marshall and Comp'y, to be charged to their acco't.

Letters were dispatched to the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the several Battalions of Militia in this State, informing them of the movements of the Enemy, and entreats them to march with their Battalions to succour General Washington, & empowering them to impress Waggons to assist the Inhabitants of the Country to remove their effects, if not to be had without.

Adjourned to 6 o'Clock.

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Met:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President,

Owen Biddle,	Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Bull,
Timothy Matlack,	John Hubley,
David Rittenhouse,	James Cannon.
Francis Gurney,	

December 9th, 1776.

Met:

THOS. WHARTON, Presid't.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	John Hubley,
Joseph Blewer,	James Cannon.
Timothy Matlack,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt'n Joseph Blewer £150, for the use of the Poor associators' Families of Southwark.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Mr. Wm. Chrispin £20, to defray the expence of transport'g Powder to the Army.

Do. was directed to pay Wm. Richards £425, which with 1000 Dollars he rec'd for 500 bushels Salt, bro't to the State of N. Jersey, make £800, to be charg'd to his acco't.

Capt. Geo. Bickham, Q'r M'r, was directed to deliver to L't Colonel Gurney 150 Suits of New Cloaths for Col. Humpton's Reg't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Capt'n Geo. Bickham, Q'r M'r, Fifty Pounds, to purchase Blankets, &c., to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Jacob S. Howell, for £54 6 0, for services as Secretary to this board to this day.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Timothy Barret, for the support of the Poor Associators' Families of Capt'n Wade's Company of the City of Philad'a, for £12 0 0.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Frederick Schneider £14 0 0, for attendance on the Council to this time.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Philip Boehm of Northampton County, for one Thousand Dollars, for the use of the Militia of that County.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Peter Dehaven & Co., for £500, to be charged to their acco't.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Lieut. Wm. Moore of the 2nd Pen'a Reg't in Continental Service, to be charg'd to Col. DeHaas, for recruiting service.

Resolved, That an order be given to John Bray, or any other Constable, to impress a Close Carriage with Horses from James Pemberton, John Pemberton, Israel Pemberton, or Sam'l Emlen, jun'r, to remove General Roberdeau to Lancaster

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Litle for 273 lbs. of nails, £27 6 0, for the use of the Salt works on Tom's River.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to send 3 or 4 Tons of Powder to the Committee of Lancaster, to be stored there.

Resolved, That the regulations lately adopted by this Council concerning Salt be no longer continued, and that all persons shall be at Liberty to import that Article, and sell it in such manner and such prices as they shall find voluntary Purchasers.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock.

Met at 3 O'Clock.

TH'S WHARTON, j'r, Pres't.

Owen Biddle, D. Rittenhouse,
John Hubley, Francis Gurney.
Jos. Blewer,

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Capt. Jacob Gerard Dyrk, for 300 Dollars, for recruiting Service, to be charged to Col. James Irvine.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt'n Michael Hahn £7 6 1, for expences of a Comp'y of Militia, for Drums, &ca., 1 Batt'n York Co.

Wm. Brady £89 9 6, for Cloth, &ca, &ca.

John M'Dowell £2 2 0, for Lead.

Jos. Stride for Painting Gun Carriages, &ca., £61 4 0, 2 acco'ts.

Resolved, That the Inhabitants of this City who have Bar Iron or other Stores necessary for Public or Private use, be freely permitted to sell as usual.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favo'r of Thomas Davis, for £100, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Chris'r Marshall, Sen'r, for £100 0 0, to supply the Families of Poor Associators of Capt'n Bruster's Company.

Resolved, That our Treasury and the Books of that office be removed to Lancaster, & that a waggon be provided to-morrow morning early for that purpose.

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Erwine provide John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, with the first waggon that comes in for the service of the State.

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In Council of Safety, December 10th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle, Chairman.

Francis Gurney, Joseph Blewer,
James Cannon, John Hubler.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Capt. Jehu Wood of Col. Ellis, of Glocester County, New Jersey, Seven Stand of arms, to be charged to him.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers £73 1 2½, for mens' wages, Making Cartridges, &ca, £78 1 2½.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Thomas Oliver £24 0 0, for his wages working in Labretory.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wm. Roberts £58 2 7, for Carpenters' Work at State House.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Capt. George Bickham, for 5000 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Francis Grice £26 6 0, for Expences of waggons, &ca.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Wm. McCormick £2 10 0, for hawling 10 Loads of Coal.

Capt. Bickham to pay James Coffie £14 11 1, for work done on board the Delaware armed Boat.

Resolved, That the Wardens of this City be empowered to employ persons to Patrole the Streets, in order to prevent riots, burglarys, and other disorders, and that they be directed to pay particular attention to the security of the Inhabitants, taking care not to employ any Persons disaffected to the present established Government.

An order was drawn on Capt. Geo. Bickham, in favour of Balser Spangler, for £169 9 8, for wagon Hire & other expences, in Conveying British Prisoners from Yorktown to Brunswick.

An order was drawn on Capt. Geo. Bickham for Fifty Pounds, for Losses sustained by him in the service of this State.

Frederick Sneider was authorized to impress four Horses for Expresses.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of John Mitchel, Esq'r, for £1500, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Capt. Geo. Bickham, in fav'r of Lieuts. Butler, Montgomery, Dunn, & Davis, for forty Pounds, to be charged to Congress, for riding Express.

An order was drawn on Mr. Geo. Bickham, in fav'r of Doct'r Jonathan Potts, for £250, to remove and Provide for the sick soldiers, & charge the same to his acco't.

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Henry Tudor £10, for a month's Wages as Pilot on board the Ship Montgomery.

Met at 3 o'Clock, Decem'r 10th, 1776.

OWEN BIDDLE, Chair'n.

F. Gurney, Jos. Blewer,
James Cannon, John Hubley.

An order was drawn on Mr. Geo. Bickham, in favour of Capt. Jos. Blewer, for £250, to supply the Families of Militia at Camp, charge the same to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Bickham, £100, in fav'r of Proctly Blackston, to supply the Families of Capt. Hugh Lenox Company, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Bickham, in fav'r of Capt. Stephen Cromxine, for £15 0 0, to be distributed among the Families of the Poor Associators in his Company, of Berks County.

An order was drawn on Mr. Bickham for Thirty Pounds, for two month's pay, to be due the 21st Inst.

An order on Mr. Bickham, in fav'r of Capt. Rich'd Brown of Col. Miles' late Reg't.

Mr. Bickham to pay Tho's Adams £1 5 0, for attendance on this Council.

Mr. Bickham to pay Mathew Greer £11 7 6, for Cloth delivered.

Mr. Bickham to pay Thomas McKewn £39 4 0, for Shoes & Stockings delivered.

Resolved, That Six Honest and discreet men be appointed by this board to examine into the causes of the Commitment of Messrs. William Smith, Joseph Stansburry, and others, and if upon such examination it shall appear to them that they have been guilty of any practices tending to alienate the minds of the people from the present Government of this State, or any thing treasonable against the same, to certify such practices and things, and confirm the Commitments of the said Persons, or any of them, until discharged by this Council, or some other authority under the same, but if upon such examination, there shall not appear reasonable cause of Commitment of such persons to discharge them, or any of them, from their Confinement, on making and subscribing a decleration of Fidelity and Allegiance to this State. In the mean time Mr. Robert Jewell is directed and authorized to keep Messrs. Wm. Smith, Joseph Stransburry, & others, in Custody untill so discharged.

The Council being informed by General Washington that he had given notice to the several Colonels of Bucks County Militia without delay to March their men to Head Quarters, and as it appears to this board, that the measures taken by the General is essentially necessary at this Critical time; it is therefore

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Resolved, That the Colonels or Commanding officers of that County comply with the General's request without delay, any order of this board before this nowithstanding.

In Council of Safety, Dec'r 11th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Jos. Blewer,
John Hubley,	James Cannon.

Capt. Geo. Bickham to pay Jos. McIlvaine £66 11 1, for Expences in removing prisoners of war from Bristol to Reading.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Sam'l Wheeler for Smith's work £56 16 10.

Robert Fitzgerald £40 2 5, for Blockmaker's work, &ca.

Col. Jos. Penrose of 10th Pen'a Reg't, 2000 Dollars for recruiting service, to be charged to his acco't.

David Pancoast to purchase Wheels, &ca. for Gun Carriages £150.

Thomas Nevill £200, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Captains Johnston's & Bethel be appointed to assist Col. Dean & Lieu't Jos. Watkins, in having the Continental Stores removed, and that they have powers to procure Guards from the Town Major, and every other power necessary for effectually performing the service.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Wm. Morris £5 5 0, Edward Stroud £20 0 0, & John Bray £2 10, for riding express to the Country & attendance, to be charged to Congress.

Col. Evan Evans of Chester County £2 9 4, for expence of carrying Baggage from Chester County, & £2 0 5 for Flints & Lead for the use of his Battalion, to be charged to Congress.

Maj'r Proctor £300, to be charged to his acco't.

Arthur Donaldson £100, to be charged to his acco't.

Bernard Galgher for a Towline for the Floating Battery Putnam, £19 1 3.

Sam'l Moore £100, for the use of Poor Families of Capt. Falconer's Company of the 3rd Battalion of this City Militia whose Husbands are at Camp.

Col. James Moore of Chester County £100, to pay a month advance to his Battalion, to be charged to his acco't.

An order for £188 11 4, on G. Bickham, in favour of John Redman, for

An order was drawn on Capt. Bickham, for £22 12 6, in fav'r of Capt. Martin Wirt, for his own & 6 Seamens' wages on b'd ammunition Sloop.

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Isaac Vanost £7 10 0, for 60 Guner's Handspikes, d'd Mr. Jno. Peter Groves £2 5 0, for attendance on the Council.

John Denton £33 16 0, for Breeches, &ca., delivered.

Jost Driesbach £40, to be charged to his acco't as Lieut. in Capt'n Shade's Company in Col. Miles' Battalion.

Capt. John Redman was directed to pay Daniel Evans £56 9 6, for Blacksmith's work done; Henry Sanderson £31 18 10, for Swanskin, Towlinen, &ca; Wm. Grant £12 16 3, for Swanskin, &ca; Martin Wirt in the Service, £70, to be charged to his acco't.

James Biddle, Esq'r, for his attendance with the late Committee of Safety, 148 days a 8s, £59 4.

The following resolution of Assembly was ordered to be inserted in the Minutes of this Council:

"In Assembly, December 10th, 1776, P. M.

"On Motion,

"*Resolved*, That Andrew Caldwell, Joseph March, William Moore, Joseph Dean, Jonathan Bayard Smith, Thomas Fitzsimmons and George Campbell, be appointed assistants to the Council of Safety, who are desired to enter immediately on that Service, who with the said Council, are hereby authorized and required to exercise the same powers the said Council have heretofore Exercised, untill further orders from this House.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"CALEB DAVIS, Cl'k, pro. temp."

Adjourned to 3 o'clock.

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Met at 3 o'Clock.

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Jos. Blewer,	John Hubley,
James Cannon,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Francis Gurney,	Owen Biddle,
Wm. Moore,	Timothy Matlack.

Mr. John Redman to pay Capt. Robert Adams, for Drummers & Fifer's wages, £10 10 0.

Mr. Redman to pay Capt. Andrew Rab £15 17 6, for Drums, Fifes, &ca.

To pay Wm Trumbull £6 16, for Cartouch Boxes & Bayonet belts, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Philip Wert £70, to be charged to his acco't.

Sam'l C. Morris £30, on account of his Wages for attendance in Council, to be charged to his Account.

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Abraham Mason £17 15 2, for making Sails, &ca., for the armed Boat Convention.

John Annis £17 2 6, for men's wages for quilting Grape Shot.

Capt. Snively of Col. Potts's Battalion £36 5 4, for Blankets, arms, &ca., &ca.

Capt. Lower for expences in collecting arms, &c., &c., £9 8 9.

Capt. Richard, arms & other expences for the Company, £22-15 6.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Mr. S C. Morris 50 axes for Continental Service.

Mr. John Redman was directed to pay Samuel Miller £1240 7 7, being for wages & Rations of a Company of Foot, taken; Commanded by Van Swearengin, into pay of this State, by the late Assembly, from February to 11 August last, in the County of Westmoreland, for the defence of said County against the depredations threatned by the Indians.

As it is of great Consequence to the people to be informed of the situation of Public affairs, and there is no Press now in the City capable of giving such intelligence; therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Dunlap's press and types be employed for that purpose, and as it is a time of more than usual Danger, this board will pay the value of them in case they should fall into the enemy's hands.

General Washington having applied to this board to give Major General Putnam all the Assistance in our Power toward throwing up Works of defence for this City, which are absolutely necessary, and as many of its Inhabitants have not taken up arms to defend it against the invasion with which it is now threatened, whose indispensable duty it is to Contribute in some way to the Common defence; therefore,

Resolved, That all able bodied men, inhabitants of this City and environs, do contribute their equal proportion of Labour, either by themselves or their Substitutes, towards raising the necessary works of defence; the persons so employed to have the same pay and Rations as the Militia now in the field, and in case any person shall neglect or refuse to serve in his turn, the Commanding officer, or such person as he shall appoint for that purpose, is hereby authorized to Seize and make sale of the Goods and Chattels of the respective delinquents, to the amount of such Sum as shall induce another person to perform the work in their Stead; And it is recommended to the General to call forth the inhabitants to this Service by regular rotation, in such manner as may most effectually promote the same.

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December 12th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Presid't.

OWEN BIDDLE, Chairman.

John Hubley,	Timothy Matlack,
Jos. Blewer,	Fred. Kuhl,
David Rittenhouse,	James Cannon,
Wm. Moore,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r.
Francis Gurney,	

Mr. John Redman was directed to pay Mr. Christopher Marshall, Sen'r, for £112 10 0, to provide for the poor of Capt. Bruster's Company.

Mr. Redman to pay Philip Boehm & Jacob Utrey £100, for the poor of Capt. Wills' Company, 1 Batt'n.

Mr. John Redman to pay Jer. Baker £103 13 3, for wood delivered at the Barracks.

Mr. Robt. Towers was directed to deliver to Col. Penrose, arms, accoutrements & amunition for all his men.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay Mr. John Hubley £20, towards his wages for attendance on Council, to be charged to his acco't.

Messrs. Mease & Caldwell were directed to deliver Blankets & Clothing for all his men.

Resolved, That Col. Penrose take the twenty men of Col. Miles's Battalion now in Town, & join them to his Battalion for the present.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay John Beyeley, for work done for the Dellewar Galley, £4 12.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay Capt. Stephen Bayard for recruiting Services for 3 Penn'a Reg't, Commanded by Col. Wood.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay James Galbreath for Linen, Buckskin Breeches, £62 19 6.

Frederick Snyder for a Blanket, £1 0 0

Esther Burke, for nursing sick of Col. Miles Batt'n 2 weeks, £1 2 0

Resolved, That Capt. Joseph Stiles be employed in Superintending the Elabratory for providing Stores for our Galley's and other armaments of this State, to assist Mr. Robert Towers.

A Commission was granted to Thomas Philips, first Lieutenant of the armed Boat Delaware, dated this day.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay Peter Lower £78 11 0, for arms taken from Non-associators, to be charged to Col. Thomas Potts, & to Capt. Shifler £3 15 0, for Waggon Hire, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Redman to pay Mr. Rob't Jewell 400 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

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Mr. Redman to pay Major Nicola £30, for expences attending Guards.

Mr. Jno. Redman was directed to pay Capt. Richard Brown, of Col. Miles' Battalion, for 8 Rifles, £43 10 6
for 24 Waggon Hire, £24 00 0
for his Rations 77 days 2s 8 from 27th August to Nov'r 12th, £8 13 3

An order was drawn on Mr. Jno. Redman, in favour of Messrs. Ross & Ega for £1200, on acc't of Shott cast for this State, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. John Redman was directed to pay Mr. James Old for £2000, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay Col. John Patton £350, towards Cannon Shot Cast by him for this State, to be charged to his acco't.

In Council of Safety, December 13th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Presid't.

David Rittenhouse,	Owen Biddle,
John Bull,	Francis Gurney,
James Cannon,	Joseph Blewer,
Wm. Moore,	Timothy Matlack.

Resolved, That Peter Dehaven be directed to procure Waggons to Carry the Tools belonging to the Gunlock Factory, and such arms as want repair, to some convenient place, not more than 30 miles from Philadelphia, there to erect the Factory.

An order was drawn on Mr. Jno. Redman, in fav'r of Paul Fooks for £50, to supply Families of Poor Militia of Capt. Boyd's Comp'y of 2nd Battalion of this City.

Mr. John Redman was directed to pay Mr. Rob't Connolly 400 Dollars, for recruiting service for 4th Penn'a Reg't, to be charged to the Reg't.

Mr. Redman to pay For arms & Blankets taken from non-associators, £90 13 0, to be charged to Col. Potts.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay Tho's Wharton, jun'r, Esq'r, One Hundred & Thirty Pounds, in part, for Services at this board.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay Col. John Bull 600 Dollars, to advance a month's pay to his Battalion of Philad'a County.

Mr. Redman to pay Col. Francis Johnson 500 Dollars, for recruiting service for the 5th Penn'a Regiment, to be charged to Col. Anthony Wayne.

Mr. Redman to pay Col. Rich'd Thomas £2 11 6, for repairing Arms.

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Mr. Redman to pay Henry Huber £80, towards manufacturing Powder, to be charged to his acco't.

Lieu't Col. Curry to deliver Henry Huber one Ton of Salt Petre.

An order was drawn on Mr. Redman, in fav'r of Lieut. Col. Geo. Nagle for 1000 Dollars, on acco't of Recruiting Service for 9th Pen'a Reg't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Redman, in favour of Capt. Gibe Jones, 200 Dollars, advance money to his Company of volunteers.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay Col. Arthur Erwin, of Bucks County, Two Hundred Pounds, to advance a month's pay to his Battalion of Militia of Bucks County, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Col. Arthur Erwin arms & accoutrements for 66 men, he to be accountable.

Resolved, That the officers of Militia who can raise indiscriminately, out of any Battalion or Battalions, a number of men to join General Washington's Army, are hereby fully authorized and empowered so to do; and it is recommended to all the said Officers to use their best endeavours to forward this salutary business, agreeable to the Resolves of the Honorable House of Assembly of yesterday, for which purpose they shall be paid all reasonable Expences.

Resolved, That Col. John Bull be empowered to employ a number of Waggons to remove the Powder and other Military Stores from the New Powder Mills at French Creek and Norrington towards Lancaster, there to remain untill further orders, under the care of such persons as he shall appoint to Guard the same.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Capt. Sam'l Miller, for £3000, on acco't of Pay for the 8th Penn'a Regiment, & charge the same to Colonel Eneas McCoy.

Capt. Bickham was directed to deliver Capt. John Jacobs 14 p'r shoes & 14 p'r Stockings.

In Council of Safety, December 14th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Jos. Blewer,
Wm. Moore,	Francis Gurney,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon.
Timothy Matlack,	

Mr. John Redman was directed to pay Lieut. Peter Shaffner 40 Dollars, in part of Pay due, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay Wm. Thomson for Swanskin, delivered to Capt'n Bickham, £7 6 10.

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James Ennis £8 7 6, for riding Express, &c., to be charged to Congress.

John Kencil, for riding Express to Chester County, to carry orders to bring in waggons, £5 0 0.

Resolved, That the Stores and Shops in this city be immediately opened by the owners, and goods sold as usual.

Messrs. Mease & Caldwell were requested to deliver to Capt. Wm. Potts Twenty-five Blankets, for the use of his men on board the armed Boat under his Command.

Mr. Redman was directed to pay Josiah Hewes £33 10 0, for 9 muskets delivered to Mr. Towers.

George Genter £8 5 0, for going Express, & attendance on with a Horse, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. John Jacobs £100, to bear expences of his Company in Guarding State Prisoners to Baltimore.

Geo. Genter £8 5 0, for riding Express & attendance, &c., to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Redman in fav'r of Jacob Lush for £50, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Redman in fav'r of Doct'r Robt. Harris for £100, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Redman in favour of Col. Evan Evans for 1000 Dollars, to pay his Battalion of Militia a month's wages advance, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Capt. John Redman, Paymaster, do proceed Immediately to the Quarters of the Pennsylvania Regiment now under the Command of Major Enion Williams, and pay off so much of what is due to the officers & men of said Regiment as the said Major shall think proper.

Resolved, That Doct'r Thomas Young be appointed to assist Doct'r Potts in taking care of sick soldiers of the army, for which he shall have the rank and pay of Senior Surgeon in the Continental Hospital.

In Council of Safety, December 15th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bull,	Francis Gurney,
Timothy Matlack,	Wm. Moore.
James Cannon,	

An order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in fav'r of Mr. Geo. Strahly, for 15,000 Dollars, to be delivered to the Com-

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mittee of Lancaster County, for the purpose of paying the Militia now about to March to Camp.

An order was drawn on Messrs. Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favour of Mr. John Shaffer, Paymaster, for 2000 Dollars, for the purpose of paying a month's wages advance to the 1st Batt'n of Militia of the City and Liberties of Philad'a, he to be accountable.

An order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in favour of Lt. Col. Wm. Dewees, for 300 Dollars, to be charged to Col. Paschall, to pay a month's advance to his Batt'n of Militia.

An order was drawn on Jno. Nesbitt for two hundred Dollars, pay'ble to Capt. Jno. McPherson, & charge them to his acco't.

In Council of Safety, December 16th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, j'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Francis Gurney,
Wm. Moore,	Joseph Blewer,
James Cannon,	John Bull.

Resolved, That Francis Nichols be promoted to the rank of Captain, and that in Consideration of his sufferings & services, that he have pay and rank from the time of his late Captain's death, on the 1st day of January last.

Resolved, That Isaac Melchor be appointed Barrack Master General of this State, with the rank of Colonel.

Capt. John Read, Barrack Master at Fort Island, was directed to deliver to Colonel Melchor One hundred Cords of Wood, for the use of the Barracks in this City, &ca.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Mrs. Connely £8 2 6, for 6½ weeks' allowance granted by Congress, at 25s ℔ week, (from 28 Oct'r to 12th Dec'r.)

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Wilson £2 5 0, for distributing advertisements.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Samuel ———— a month's wages as Carpenter on board the armed Boat Commanded by Capt. Houston, £5 0 0.

Two orders were drawn on Mr. Prichet to deliver Col. Greer 30 Bushels of Salt, & Col. Hunter 30 Bushels of salt, both of Berks County.

Mr. Rob't Eastburn was directed to deliver James Elder one waggon Load of Salt, for the use of the militia of Cumberland County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Stephen Bayard 1000 Dollars, for recruiting service for Col. Wood's Regiment.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay John McTennet £15 0 0, for Stone delivered at the Piers at Fort Island.

Hall & Allen £28 0 6, for Iron Work for Piers.

David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, £40, on acco't of His services as member of the late Committee & the present Council of Safety.

Messrs. Mease & Caldwell were requested to deliver to Capt. Joseph Blewer 20 Blankets, for the use of the armed Boat Commanded by Capt. Garland.

Resolved, That any person who shall pass Schuylkil on the Bridge erected at the Middle Ferry, who are not in public service, shall pay a Toll to Mr. Joseph Ogden equal to the Customary ferriage, untill further orders from this Council, as it was not the intention of this Board to injure the revenues of Mr. Ogden, who is subject to rent and his usual expence.

WHEREAS, The Committee of Easton have appointed Mr. Abraham Berlin to provide provision, Fire wood, & other necessaries for the sick Soldiers at Eastown,

Resolved, That this Council will make a reasonable Compensation to Mr. Abraham Berlin for His Trouble and Fatigue in this Business.

Resolved, That Mr. Benjamin Paschall, with Doct'r Young, view the sick Soldiers in the Hospital in and about the City, and take an account of the names of each, with the Regiment and Company they belong to, and make a return of it to the Commissary, who is to supply all such with Rations as they may think proper, and point out those who are fit for duty to their respective Corps, and discharge those whose times are out and have recovered.

Resolved, That Capt. Blewer be authorized to make such an allowance to the Families of those men who are in our naval service as he finds necessary.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Jacob Shoemaker, for 600 Dollars, to be charged to the Committee of Easton, for the purpose of providing for the sick Soldiers there.

An order was drawn on Mr. Towers, in favour of Major Geo. Erwin, for 300 stand of arms & Accoutrements for Col. Porter's Battalion of Lancaster County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Teas £16 0 8, for Linen & woolen delivered to Capt. Bickham.

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In Council of Safety, December 17th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	James Cannon.
Timothy Matlack,	Owen Biddle,
Joseph Dean,	Francis Gurney,
Joseph Blewer,	John Bull.
Wm. Moore,	

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Mr. Rob't Irwin, for £300.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doct'r G. Clarkson £84, for attending sick soldiers, to be charged to Congress, & £12 0 0, for attending sick soldiers belonging to Major Proctor's Comp'y.

Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co. £500, to be charged to their acco't.

Mr. Tho's Nevil £200, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benj'n Poultney £373 5 d, for Shovels delivered to Capt. Bickham.

Mr. Jacob Shoemaker £71 15 0, for Arms taken from non-Associators in Northampton County, to be charged to Col. Geo. Taylor.

Resolved, That all Waggoners who come to this City in pursuance of the request of this board, in order to Convey the public Stores to proper Magazines, do, at their arrival in this City, apply to Mr. Rob't Erwin, Waggon Master General, to be entered for that service, & that their accounts be settled & paid by Mr. Erwin.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Samuel Snowden £4 15 0, for Porterage of Cannon, &ca, &ca, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. George Losh was requested to deliver to William Henry, Esq'r, at Lancaster, such powder as he has made or may make out of the Salt Petre delivered him by this Council.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Philip Bœhm, for £15 0 0, for the purpose of providing for the Poor families of Militia of Capt. Hassenclever's Comp'y of 1st Batt'n of the City & Liberties of Philad'a.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Arch'd Fleming £5 9 3, for Cloth, &ca, d'd Capt. Bickham.

Thomas Moss, for Boarding & Nursing a sick soldier belonging to Major Proctor's Artillery, £7 17 1½.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of David Dashler, for 2000 Dollars, to be paid to Peter Rhoads, Esq'r, of Northampton County, for the purpose of paying a Month's wages advance to the Militia of said County, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Capt. John Davis, for recruiting service of the 9th Penn'a Reg't, to be charged to Colonel James Irvine.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn by Wm. Lyon, Esq'r, on this Board, in fav'r of Stephen Duncan, for 1600 Dollars, for the use of the Militia of Cumberland County, to be charged Mr. Lyons.

Messrs. Mease & Caldwell were requested to deliver 25 Blankets for the 1st Batt'n Philad'a Militia.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay:

The widow Spring £6 10 0, for Storage of Powder.

John Wiley £2 6 0, for 4 y'ds Swanskin.

Resolved, That it be recommended to General Washington to issue orders immediately for the Militia of Bucks and Northampton Counties forthwith to join his Army, and to send out parties to disarm every Person who does not obey the Summons, and to seize and treat as Enemies all those who shall attempt to oppose the Execution of this measure, and likewise every person in those Counties who are known or suspected to be enemies to the United States.

Resolved, That Mr. Henry Stiles be appointed Quarter Master, and Doct'r Michael Jennings Surgeon, to the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, Commanded by Col. Richard Humpton.

On Motion,

Resolved, That all the persons who have been promoted to the rank of Colonels, who had rank or precedence of Colonel Joseph Wood, before he was promoted from the rank of Major, ought, in the opinion of this Council, still to take Rank and precedence of the said Colonel Wood, & that they do take rank accordingly.

In Council of Safety, December 18th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Francis Gurney,
John Bull,	Joseph Dean,
Jos. Blewer,	Timothy Matlack,
Wm. Lyon,	James Cannon.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Robert Erwin, for £300, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Reb't Towers £148 1 0, for men's wages, & Sundry Expences, for working at the Elaboratory, &ca., &ca.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of John Cox, Esq'r, One Thousand Pounds, on acco't of Shot, &ca., Cast for this State, to be charged to his Acco't.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major William Masters, for Fifty Pounds, for the purpose of providing for the poor Families of Militia in Captain John Eyres' Company of Militia, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Gauen M. Guady £10 6 0, for arms purchased in Bucks County, from non-associators.

Resolved, That every waggoner who refuses to take his proper Load, as directed by this Council or Quarter Master General, ought to be immediately discharged the service, without pay.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Mark M'Caslin Ten Barrels of Powder, for the use of the Garrison at Fort Island.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Edward Hinderson, a Soldier in Col. Miles' Rifle Regiment, £4 10.

An order in favor of John Paul passed for £3 0 0, for dieting Militia; Mr. Dean.

Two acco'ts pass for dieting Militia, in fav'r of Jacob Cline, £4 12 0.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Capt. Jacob Rudolph, of 1st Batt'n of Philad'a County, Thirty-five Stand of Arms, taking his receipt.

Resolved, That the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion of Philadelphia County Militia be authorized and required to send a Number of men in different parties, to compell all the able bodied men within the district to which it belongs to join the said Battalion immediately, except such as refuse from Religious scruples, or are excusable on account of age or some bodily infirmity; and all officers & privates are required to give aid & assistance to accomplish the same.

Resolved, That Allen Moore be appointed Captain of the Guard Stationed at the Middle Ferry, on Schuylkill, for the protection of the Floating Bridge.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Jos. Watkins £100 16 0.

In Council of Safety, December 19th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Wm. Moore,	David Rittenhouse,
Owen Biddle,	James Cannon,
Timothy Matlack,	Joseph Blewer.
Joseph Dean,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Col. Isaac Melchor, Barrack Master General, for Three Hundred Dollars, he to be accountable.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Henry Litinan £154 11 2, for Iron Works for the works at Billingsport.

Resolved, That Mr. Benjamin Paschall be employed to procure a Thousand pair of shoes for our Troops, on the best terms he can, and as speedily as Possible, and the Council will pay for the same, and allow him a reasonable Compensation for his services.

Resolved, That Capt. Thomas Leech be appointed to take care of the sick soldiers in and near this City, in the room of Mr. Benjamin Paschall, who is appointed to another service.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Timothy Barret, Fifty Pounds, for the use of poor associators of Capt. Wade's Comp'y of 2nd Batt'n of this City, to be charged to his acco't.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay three accounts of arms taken from non-Associators in Berks County, to be charged to Col. Hunter of 6th Battalion, vizt.:

One acco't 56 7 6,
One do. 18 6,
One do. 56 7.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jacob Bright £50, for the purpose of supplying poor families of Militia, 2 Batt'n, of Philad'a, Capt. Smith's Company, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Finley £9 19 0, for repairing arms belonging to Col. Hunter's Batt'n, Berks County.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Robeson £6 0 0, for a Rifle.
John Allison, 40 0 0, for a do.
Thomas Darroch, .6 0 0, for a do.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Geo. Weiss £12 12 0, for 18 pair of Shoes delivered to Capt. Bickham.

Resolved, Ricliff Alberson be appointed Lieutenant to Captain Allen Moore.

Messrs. Mease & Caldwell were directed to deliver to Capt. Matthew Henderson 35 Blankets.

Resolved, That Lewis Nicola, Esq'r, Town Major, do supply Capt. Allen Moore with Sixteen trusty men, to Guard the Floating Bridge over Schuylkill.

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In Council of Safety, December 20th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

John Bayard,	Timothy Matlack,
Joseph Dean,	Joseph Blewer,
Owen Biddle,	Francis Gurney,
James Cannon,	John Bull.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Ludwick £5 7 3, for repairing arms, &ca., & also £7 15 0, for Bayonets, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Matthew Whitehead £4 3 0, for Repairing public arms.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Benjamin Paschall, for 1000 Dollars, for the purpose of purchasing Shoes for the army, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Elias Botner £20 7 0, for leathering drag Ropes, Budge Barrels, &ca., for artillery, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. John Murray one Thousand Dollars, for recruiting Service for the Penn'a Regiment, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Wœlper 18s 3, for 6 Buckets, left at the Powder.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to Capt. Crawford, of the second Battalion of Cumberland County, Commanded by Col. Allison, Sixteen Muskets with Baggonets.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieut't George Jenkins, for bringing in a deserter from New Germantown, £2 12.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Capt. George Bickham 1000 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Mr. John Cummings be requested to purchase such necessaries as the Sick Soldiers in the House of Employment require, & to exhibit his acco't to this Council.

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In Council of Safety, Dec'r 21st, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.
DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.
Owen Biddle, Chairman.

Joseph Blewer,	William Lyon,
James Cannon,	John Bull,
Francis Gurney,	Wm. Moore.
Joseph Dean,	

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Several Commissaries in the American Army, to Furnish the Tanners who are associators with Hides in preference to all others, they paying for the same.

Resolved, That Col. Dean and Col. Gurney, make inquiry what Quantity and kinds of Stores there are now in this City belonging to this State, and that such as are not immediately wanted, be delivered to Mr. Jedediah Snowden, who is requested to send them to Lancaster, under the care of the committee of that town.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Gustavus Resberg, for £250, to be charged to Capt. Jos. Copperthwaite, for the use of the Continental Powder Mill.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Lieut. Col. Francis Gurney, for 500 Dollars, for account of Goods purchased for the army, & charge the same to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Wm. Thorn, for £10, for the purpose of supplying the Poor Families of Capt. Hodges' Company, of the 2nd Battalion of Militia of this City.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Mr. Lattimer 20 Muskets, 19 Bayonets, Bayonet belts, & 13 Cartouch Boxes, for the Delaware Militia, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for £200, to be charged to their acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. Peter Dehaven £200, for to be delivered to Lieutenant Col. Dewees, for Building Barracks at French Creek Powder Mill, to be charged to Col. Dewees.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Wm. Bidley a month's wages for himself & Company, they being stationed as a Guard at the Continental Powder Mill on French Creek, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Jno. Porter £4 16 0, for wages for Drum & fife belonging to his Company of Colonel Bull's Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Evens £74 0 3, for Iron Work for Public Use.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Thomas Dungan £27 16 11, for Horse Hire & expences for himself & 12 men.

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Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Col. Armstrong such arms & accoutrements as he may want, taking his receipt.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Ab'm Mason for work done by several men at the Elaboratory, £11 1 6, to be charged to Congress.

John Hudson £8 0 0, for 3 Blankets delivered to Mr. Bickham.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Hartman £3 5. 0, for a Musket delivered to Capt. Dungan, to be charged to Col. Hill.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay on acco't for work done by sundry persons at Elaboratory, £9 11 0.

Decem'r 22d, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

OWEN BIDDLE, Chairman.

Francis Gurney,	Ja's Cannon,
John Bull,	Joseph Dean.
Joseph Blewer,	

Robert Burton, Leatherbury Barker, William Barker, William Bagwell, Littleton Townsend, William Redding & Cunningham, were committed to the State prison, being Enemies to the United States.

Resolved, That all able bodied men of the Townships of Moyamensing & Passyunk, those who have religious scruples against bearing arms alone excepted, are ordered to wait on General Putnam at 2 o'Clock to-morrow afternoon, with what arms and accoutrements they may have in their possession, to receive his orders, and the officers of the Militia in said Townships are directed to deliver into the Council a list of all persons as neglect or refuse to comply with this resolve.

Resolved, That all able bodied men of the Townships of Moyamensing & Passyunk, those who have religious scruples against bearing arms alone excepted, be ordered to wait on General Putnam at 2 o'Clock to-morrow afternoon, with the arms & accoutrements which they have in Possession, to receive his orders, and the Officers of the Militia in said Townships are directed to deliver to the Colonel a list of all those who neglect or refuse to comply with this resolve.

Dan'l Bancroft committed to Goal, he being sent from the Jersey by Colonel Griffin, susp'd of a Spy.

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In Council of Safety, Decem. 23d, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO. WHARTON, Pres'd.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Joseph Blewer,
Joseph Dean,	Wm. Lyon.
James Cannon,	

Mr. J. Brown was directed to deliver 40 bushels of Wheat to Alexander Lewis, for the use of Twenty Teams in the public service, he paying for the same.

Mr. Erwin was directed to pay Alexander Lewis £11 5, for his service as Master of a Brigade of Wagons.

Resolved, That the Constables belonging to the City & Liberties, be directed immediately to go round the several wards & Districts, in Conjunction with such persons as Captain Delany shall appoint, to take lists of all males from sixteen to fifty years of age, and make returns to this Council, for which they shall be allowed reasonable wages.

Resolved, That it be recommended to Captain Sharpe Delaney to send the party under his Command, with the Constables of the City and Districts, to assist them in making a return to this Council of the male Inhabitants fit to bear arms.

The Council ordered J. M. Nesbit, Esq'r, to pay Wm. Clarke Forty-Two Pounds for 56 days Service.

The Council order'd J. M. Nesbitt to pay Martin Pendergast Eighty-one Pounds 16s.

The Council order'd J. M. Nesbitt to pay Coll'l Gurney twenty-two Pounds 2s, on acc't of Goods deliver'd G. Bickman, Q'r M'r.

Drawn an order on Mr. Nesbitt for £12 for two Rifles, delivr,d to John McConnell, of Col. Jos. Armstrong's Battalion, Cumberland Co.

Mr. Nesbitt order'd to pay Jno. Brown for services in sinking the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, Fifty-four Pounds five shillings & six pence, to be charged to Congress.

Order drawn on Mease & Caldwell to pay Col. Evans one thousand Dollars, to pay a month's advance to his Batt'n.

Order drawn on Mr. Nesbitt to pay G. Bickham, or order, Three Thousand Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Order Drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Rob't Towers one Hundred & Eighty Pounds thirteen Shillings & Nine Pence.

J. M. Nesbitt order'd to pay John Elmslie thirty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings & Nine pence, for making moulds for 3 4 & 6 Pounders.

J. M. Nesbitt order'd to pay Benjamin Croffts Five Pounds on acco't for Painting the Galleys.

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In Council of Safety, Dec'r 24th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Presid't.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. Pr't.

Joseph Blewer,	Francis Gurney,
Joseph Dean,	James Cannon,
John Bull,	Timothy Matlack.
William Lyon,	

J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, order'd to pay Benjamin Town Seventeen Pounds four Shillings.

Order Drawn on Rob't Towers, Esq'r, in favour of Col. Joseph Armstrong, 5th Batt'n Cumberland Militia, for fifteen Powder Horns, fifteen Pouches, fifty Belts, & fifty Canteens, to be Charged to Col. Armstrong.

Order Drawn on G. Bickham, in favour of Col. Armstrong, 5th Batt'n Cumberland Militia, for 20 Blankets, to be charged the Col.

Order Drawn on Robert Towers to deliver Capt'n Newman three Hundred Twelve Pound Shott.

Order Drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay him five Pounds, for services done at Fort Island.

Order drawn on Col. Biddle to deliver Wm. Marshal 1 Napsack, to be charged Capt'n Boyd, 2nd Batt'n, P. Militia.

J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was order'd to pay John Carr (a man that broke the rim of his Belly) half wages, 'till further orders.

Resolved, That Mr. James Carter be requested to collect all the old arms in and about this City, belonging to this State, and have the same repaired and delivered to Mr. Robert Towers.

Messrs. Mease & Cadwell were requested to pay Capt'n Tho's Manuel, of Maryland Militia, thirty Pounds.

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Erwin, Waggon Master, do pay for every Waggon with four horses, in service by the order of this Council, at the rate of Thirty Shillings p'r Day, on a proper Certificate of the Time of Entry being produced to him.

J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was order'd to pay Twenty-three Pounds fifteen shillings, for arms & accoutrements purchased by Robt. Culberson.

J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was order'd to pay Twelve Pounds ten Shillings & six pence for Blankets bought by Robt. Culberson, for the use of his Company.

Order'd, G. Bickham to pay Wm. Gibbons three Pounds, for Breakfast for 80 men of Capt'n Jacob Dritt's Company, belonging to the 1st Batt'n of York County Militia.

J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was order'd to pay Col'l Richard Thomas Seventy-five Pounds, for advance money to his Battalion, to be charged to his acco't.

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In Council of Safety, Dec'r 25th, 1776

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Presid't.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	James Cannon,
Joseph Dean,	John Bull,
Francis Gurney,	William Lyon.

J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was order'd to pay Geo. Gintner thirteen Pounds ten Shillings, for attendance & Riding express, to be charged to Congress.

Dispatches to Chester County was sent p'r Coll'l Thomas.

Order drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Tho's Marle Twenty Pounds, on acc't for fixing the chain & filling Piers at Fort Island.

Ordered Geo. Bickham to pay Wm. Jenkins Eight Pounds two & 6d, for victualling two Companys belonging to 4th Batt'n Northampton, under Major Vancamp.

The Present Campaigne has convinced us that it may be frequently necessary to call forth the Militia in defence of our Liberties, and that their force may be exerted to the greatest advantage, it is become highly Proper and necessary that they be formed into regular Brigades.

Therefore Resolved, That it be recommended to the field officers of every ten or twelve Battalions of Militia lying contigious to each other, to form themselves into Brigades as soon as convenient, and to recommend to this Council three or more persons for each Brigade, whom they shall esteem best qualified for the Commission of a Brigadier General, and this Council will grant Commissions to such of them as shall appear best qualified for the service.

Resolved, That John Cadwallader, Esq'r, be appointed a Brigadier General of Militia in this State.

Resolved, That Samuel Miles, Esq'r, be appointed a Brigadier General of the regular Forces raised for the defence of this State.

Order drawn on Geo. Bickham to pay Capt'n Ja's Morrison Nine Pounds twelve & six pence, for mileage, to be charged to Congress.

Order drawn on G. Bickham to pay Capt'n Tho's Whiteside sixteen Pounds seven & 6d, for mileage, to be charged to Congress.

Order drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Thos. Whitely three Pounds, for taking up a deserter from Coll'l Hand's Regiment.

Order on G. Bickman to pay Jas. Cannon, Esq'r, thirty Pounds, on acco't of services, in Council.

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In Council of Safety, Dec'r 26th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, Presid't.

Joseph Blewer,	Owen Biddle,
Joseph Dean,	James Cannon,
John Ball,	William Lyon.

Order drawn on G. Bickham to pay Ten Pounds Seven Shillings & 6d, for Victualling the first Division of 3rd Batt'n of Northampton Militia, to be charged to Congress.

Commissions fill'd for first Batt'n, Philad'a Militia, Wm. Bowers, Capt. Will'm Garwood & Jon'n Grice, Lieut'ts Wm. Salter & Wm. Rice, Ensigns.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Major Proctor six Hund'd Dollars to pay his men, now under marching orders.

Order drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Everhard McLeish one Hundred & fifteen Pounds 17s, on acco't of Boarding Soldiers.

Resolved, That the Waggon masters be impowered to put up their Horses in such Stables & Shedds as they may find fit to receive them, and to see them supplied, paying the accustomed Prices for the same.

Order on G. Bickham to pay Alex'r Alexander three Pounds ten shillings, for 3 Blankets del'd said Bickham.

Order drawn on G. Bickham to pay Jas. Hamilton Eleven Pounds Eleven Shillings & 9d, for Cloath deliver'd said Bickham.

Order on G. Bickham to pay Jas. Hamilton, Five Pounds Eleven shillings, for Hose & Wastecoats deliver'd said Bickham.

Order drawn on G. Bickham, Qu'r M'r, to deliver Col. Melchior, B. M. G., Forty Blankets, for the use of the Milatary Hospital.

Commission made out for Jno. Rosbrugh as Chaplain to 3rd Batt'n of Northampton Militia.

Resolved, That Mr. Coats be employed in the North End of the City to assist Mr. Marshall in taking care of the sick.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Jermiah Simmons twelve Pounds & six pence.

Order on G. Bickham to pay Capt'n McKee Two Pounds, for expenses and subsistance money for marching his Company (belonging to 5th Batt'n of Cumberland Militia, und'r Col'l Armstrong) to Philad'a.

Order on G. Bickham to pay Ens'n Jon'n Martin thirty Shill'g, for marching a detatchment of Capt. M'Kee's Comp'y, Belonging to 5th Batt'n of Cumberland, to Philad'a.

Order on G. Bickham to pay L't Murphy Thirty-one shillings & 3d., for expences in marching a Detatchment of Men by Philad'a, belonging to 5th Batt'n of Cumberl'd.

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Commissions fill'd for Jno. Sigfret, L't Col'l, 3rd Batt'n, Northampton.

Commission fil'd for Jno. Righter, 2nd L't 4th Batt'n, Philad'a County, Geo. Piper, Ens'n, 4th Batt'n, Philad'a County.

Order on Messrs. Mease & Cadwell, to pay Major Gabriel Heister two Hundred Dollars, to pay the advance to Col'l Haller's Batt'n, to be charged to Adam Whiteman, to whom as to the Board, the Major is to be accountable.

Order on Mease & Caldwell, to pay Wm. Lyon, Esq'r. five Hundred Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Mr. Hugh McCormick be appointed Waggonmaster for about fifteen Waggons from Cumberland County, to be propperly Employed, In Transporting Stores from this City, &c., for which service he shall be Entitled to receive Ten shillings ₱ Day During such service.

In Council of Safety, Dec'r 27th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Presid't.

DAVID RITTENOUSE, V. Presid't.

Wm. Lyon,	Owen Biddle,
Jno. Bull,	Joseph Dean,
Francis Gurney,	James Cannon.
Joseph Blewer,	

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Jno. Creigh & Ephraim Steel one Hundred & Twenty-Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings, for Expences in Conveying British officers from Carlisle to Brunswick.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Jacob Hankey thirteen Pounds Sixteen shillings & two pence, for work Deliver'd Robert Towers.

Resolved, That Colonel John Bull be directed to procure Waggons to remove the public stores from Norriston and French Creek to Lancaster; The Powder to be Laid in different Places of security in the Town & Country adjacent.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Tho's Adams One Hundred fifty-Nine Pounds sixteen shillings & 10d, for military stores deliver'd Robert Towers.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Augustus Ruppell Eleven Pounds five shillings, for Riding Express, to be charged Congress.

G. Bickham, Qu'r Mast'r, was order'd to deliver Major Proctor Twenty Pairs Shoes & twenty pairs Hose, for the use of his Soldiers.

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Order on G. Bickham to pay Capt. Rob't Campbel Nine Pounds Eighteen shillings 10½, for milage for his Comp'y, (to Philad'a) belonging to 3rd Batt'n, Lancaster County, to be charged to Congress.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Wm. Morris Eight Pounds fifteen Shillings, for riding Express, to be charged Congress.

An order drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for six pounds ten shillings & four pence, 2 Boxes of Candles for the Council.

An order drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Wm. Masters Fifty Pounds, for the use of the Families of the Militia now in Camp.

Order on Mease & Caldwell to pay Col. Evan Evans one thousand Dollars, to be given to the Militia of his Batt'n.

Order drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, to pay James Wilson, Esq'r, on acco't of services in Congress, one Hundred & sixty-five Pounds.

Thomas Lucas is appointed Adjutant to the 11th Regiment, under Colonel Humpton.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Shriner one hundred Dollars, for the Associators' wives of Capt. Guyer's Company, £37 10 0.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lewis Guion Two Hundred Pounds, on acco't for Work Done at Fort Island.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt to pay Capt. McGowan of Col. Miles's, three Hund'd Dollars, to be

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Capt. Conolly three Hund'd Dollars, for to recruit Col. Cadwallader's Batt'n, to be charged to Congress.

Commissions fill'd for Wm. Caruther's Lieuts. for 3rd Batt'n, Northampton militia, Tho's Horner, Ensign, same Batt'n.

Commissions fill'd for Emanuel Consolves, Lieut., & Jno. Fox, Ensign, 4th Batt'n Northampton Militia.

In Council of Safety, December 27th, 1777.

Order on G. Bickham to pay Capt. Thomas Whitesides one Pound nine shillings & 2d, being an error in his milage acco't, 3rd Batt'n Lancaster County.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, three Hundred Pounds, to pay Waggon hire.

Order on G. Bickham to pay Samuel Drake for milage (for his Comp'y, with Field & Staff officers belonging to 4th Batt'n, Northampton,) Twenty-Nine Pounds 2s 8.

Do. an order on G. Bickham to pay Capt. Schoonhoven 18 3 11½, for milage, & to pay Capt'n Mead, on same acco't, 19 7 6, both belongs to 4th Batt'n Northampton.

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December 28th, 1776.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Francis Gurney, Jas. Cannon,
Jos. Dean, Wm. Lyon.
Jos. Blewer,

An order drawn on John Nesbitt, for one Pound four & six pence, in favour of Cap. James Ross' Co., for repairing Musketts, to be charged to Congress.

Order drawn on G. Bickham, to pay Tho's Ogle twenty Shillings, in full for Hawling baggage to Bristol.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, to pay Ninety-four Pounds 8s to Wm. Gray, for sundries delivered a Company of Volunteers under Colo. Potter, to be charged Congress.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt to pay fifty-five Shillings to Peter Buck, for repairing arms.

Order on J. M. N to pay thirty Pounds five shillings, a Ballance to Capt. Gray, to be charged to Congress.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt to pay Nineteen Pounds 2s 4 to Joseph Mathers.

Order on G. Bickham to pay Four Pounds four shillings & 6d, to Capt'n Jno. Harbeston's Comp'y, belonging to Colo. Smiths' Batt'n, of York County, for Travelling expences.

Order on Mease & Caldwell to pay Marshall Edwards Four Hund'd Pounds, to be charged to Col'l Lewis.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to pay Col'l Melchoir, B. M. G. one Thousand Dollars, to be charged to his acc't.

Order on J. M. Nesbitt to pay Thirty Pounds to pay for the use of the Poor associators at Camp.

J. M. Nesbitt was order'd to pay the men under Command of Lieu't Rice, half a month's pay.

G. Bickham, Qu'r M'r to deliver Capt'n Brown, of the Putnam Battery, fifty pairs Breeches, & to Capt. Farmer, of Col. Miles', 4 Blankets.

J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was order'd to pay Col'l Nagle 500 Dollars, for recruiting 9th Batt'n.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Abraham Mecsan Seven Pounds Eight Shillings & 6d, for work done for Towers.

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In Council of Safety, December 30th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, J'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Wm. Moore,	Samuel Morris, Sen'r,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Dean,
Jos. Blewer,	James Cannon,
Wm. Lyon,	Francis Gurney.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of John Ord for thirty Dollars, for the assistance of the poor associators of Lower Delaware ward.

An order was —— Major Thos. Robinson 600 Dollars, for advance money to Col. Potter's Battalion of Militia of Northumberland County, to be charged to the Col.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Capt. Stephen Bayard for 1000 Dollars, for recruiting service for the 3rd Penn's Reg't, to be charged to Col. Wood.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doct'r Thos. Parke £12 17 6, for attending Sick Soldiers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. John Read, Barrack Master at Fort Island, for sundry Provisions & expences attending the ditchers & other workmen at Fort Island, £62 19 7½.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Cannon, for two Rifles, Blankets, &c., for Col. Potter's Batt'n of Northumberland County, £21 18 0, to be charged to Col. James Potter.

Resolved, That Messrs. Peter Dehaven & John Pugh be appointed to provide provisions for the Guards at the Continental Powder mill, and the workmen employed there.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Courtney for 100 Dollars, for Recruiting Service for the Artillery of this ———, to be charged to Major Proctor.

John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Captain Alexander Laughlin, for dieting 28 men of his Company on their march to join General Washington, £16 17 8.

Captain Carmahans, for dieting 12 men, £14 15 6.

Captain Thos. McKenzie, for dieting 28 men, £16 17 8, all to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Ennis £12 16 0, for attendance on the Council with a Horse.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Sam'l Holmes £71 5 0, for 95 Cutlasses delv'd.

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Mr. Towers also £4 10 0, for 30 Bayonet scabbards, £4 10 0 delivered to Mr. Towers.

In Council of Safety, December 31st, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Wm. Moore,	Wm. Lyons,
Francis Gurney,	Sam'l Morris,
Owen Biddle,	James Cannon.
Joseph Dean,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Dunn & Hale £5 4 0, for 208 feet of oars for the floating Battery Putnam.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Richard Humpton 1000 Dollars, for recruiting service for the 11th Penn'a Reg't, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Lieut. Thomas Boud 300 Dollars, for recruiting service for the fifth Penn'a Reg't, to be charged to Col. Anthony Wayne.

Mr. Bickham was directed to pay James Potter £13 7 6, for expences of his company on their march to join General W.

Resolved, That Messrs. William Masters and William Coates be authorised to take every measure necessary for the benefit of the sick of the army in the Northern department of this city, and to have them properly attended with nurses, and supplied with everything suitable to their different diseases, and this Council will pay the expences attending the same.

Resolved, That Doct'r Dunlap be authorized to employ another Mate, and that their pay in future be Twenty-five Dollars ℔ month.

Mr. Nesbit was directed to pay Mr. Robert Towers, £107 17 6, for Workmen's wages at the Elaboratory, & Sundry other charges.

An order was drawn on Mr. John Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Colonel Henry Becker, for two thousand Dollars, for the recruiting service of the 6th Pen'a Reg't, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. John M. Nesbitt, for two thousand Dollars, payable to John Biddle, jun'r, to be paid by him into the hands of Adam Whitman, Esq'r, of Reading, to be subject to the draughts of the Committee of s'd County, for to defray such Expences as they have incurred by order of this board.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major Lewis Nicola £50, he to be accountable.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay:

Wm. McCulloch	£3 10 0, for a Musket & Bayonet,	Delivered to Mr. Towers.
Wm. Glen,	3 10 0, for a Musket,	
Wm. McCulloch,	6 10 0, for 2 Muskets,	

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay the following Accounts, for Subsistance for Militia, on their march to join General Washington, Vizt:

Capt. Charles Leoper,	£21 14 6
Capt. John Mitchel,	12 14 1
Capt. Andrew McPherland,	38 5 0
Capt. Rob't Shannon,	20 14 0
Capt. Wm. Swaney,	36 17 2
Major John Davis for milage, 80 Miles, for himself,	2 3 4

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Fitzgerald £11 2 0, for sundries for Armed Schooner Delaware, to be charged to this State, & £5 9 4 for port Fire Stocks, &ca., to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, January 1st, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	James Cannon,
Joseph Blewer,	Wm. Moore,
Francis Gurney,	John Bull,
Joseph Dean,	Wm. Lyon.

John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Wm. Roberts £18 6 6, for making ammunition Boxes, nails, &ca., to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Matthew Dill, for 5 days pay due to four Companies of the 5th Battalion of Militia, when in service in Septem'r & October last, amounting to £51 7 3, to be charged to Congress.

A Letter was laid before the board from Mr. James Holmes, a Second Lieutenant in the Regiment belong to this State, praying this Council to accept His resignation, as His Health will not admit his continuance in the service any longer. The Council accept the resignation of Mr. Holmes, & his is accordingly discharged from the service of this State.

Resolved, That the overseers of the poor for this City and Liberties, do immediately procure one Hundred Cords of Wood now

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standing on the Commons of this City, for the use of the poor aforesaid, and that orders be given to the Wood Cutters to leave Lanes and Avenues for the Inhabitants to walk in the summer season.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Alex'r Brown 52s, for 2 meals victuals for 26 men of the 3rd Battalion of Northampton County Militia.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieut. Rob't Connolly four Hundred Dollars, for recruiting service for the 4th Penn'a Regiment.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Geo. Robinson 10s for an axe for the use of his Company, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. John Jacobs the Balance of his acco't, for Expences accrued in transporting & Guarding Prisoners to Baltimore, the whole amounting to £165 12 3.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Jack for Milage for himself, 2 Lieutenants & 6 Privates, 160 Miles, £9 6 0.

By direction of General Washington, Col. Wheadon of the third Virginia Regiment, deposited with this Council Six Colours, being part of a number taken on the 26th ultimo, at Trenton, belonging to the Hessian Regiments.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for £500, to be charged to their acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Richard Wells £31 0 0, for attendance on the Fleet with his Boat & two hands, for the Month of December.

The following resolution of Congress was directed to be inserted on the Minutes of this Council:

"In Congress, December 27th, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Council of Safety of Pennsylvania be requested to take the most vigorous and Speedy measures for punishing all such as shall refuse Continental Currency, and that the General be directed to give all necessary aid to the Council of Safety for carrying their measures on this subject into effectual execution.

"By order of Congress.

"Sign'd JOHN HANCOCK, President."

In Consequence of the foregoing resolve of Congress and the Intelligence received from several parts of this State, that the disaffected and enemies to the United States of America are pursuing the most dangerous schemes to destroy the Credit of the Money issued under the authority of Congress, which wicked and Mischevious practises are likely to be attended with the most pernicious Consequences, unless immediately suppressed by a speedy and Vigorous exertion of the powers invested in this Council; therefore,

Resolved, That if any person or persons from and after the publication of this resolve, shall refuse to take Continental Currency in payment of any Debt or Contract whatsoever, or for any Goods,

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Merchandize or Commodity offered for sale, or shall ask a greater Price for any such Commodity in Continental Currency than in any other kind of money or specie, in full proof made thereof before any three members of any County Committee, or any three Field officers of Militia of this State, the person or persons so offending shall for the first offence be considered as a dangerous Member of Society, and forfeit the Goods offered for sale or Bargained for, or debt Contracted, to the person to whom the Goods were offered for Sale or by whom they were bargained for, or from whom such Debt is due, and shall moreover pay a fine of five pounds to the State, to be levied immediately by the persons to whom forfeitures are directed to be paid by this resolve, provided such debt or Contract do not exceed that Sum; but if the debt Due or price of such goods bargained for or offered to sale exceed the sum of five pounds, then the person offending as aforesaid, shall, besides the Debt due, goods Contracted for or offered to sale, forfeit to the full amount of said Debt, Contract or price agreed on or demanded, one-third part of such forfeitures to be for the use of the informer, and the remaining two-third Parts to the Use of this State, to be paid to the Committee of the County where the forfeiture is incurred, or where no such Committee exists, to the three Field officers of the Militia of the next nearest Battalion, to be by them transmitted to the public Treasury of this State, after deducting reasonable Costs, such forfeiture to be levied immediately, by the direction and authority of the said Committee or Field Officers; and every person so offending, shall for the second offence be subject to the aforementioned penalties, and be banished this State, to such place and in such manner, as this Council shall direct:

Nevertheless, if any person shall think him or herself aggrieved by the determination of any of the said Committees or Field Officers, he or she shall be allowed an appeal to this Council, provided the said appeal be made within six weeks after such determination made and information thereof given by the said Committee or Field Officers to the parties in Writing; A regular record of the proceedings in every case to be transmitted to this board in four Weeks after determination.

Resolved, That all persons whose Shops, Stores or Warehouses, have been heretofore shut up, and have been restrained from carrying on a Commercial Intercourse with the inhabitants of this State, for refusing Continental Currency, shall be released from such restraint and permitted to open their Shops, Stores or Warehouses, and that persons who are in Confinement for the same offence, be Immediately discharged from such confinement, to be subject nevertheless to the penalties described in the foregoing resolution for future offences.

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In Council of Safety, January 2nd, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Wm. Lyon,
Joseph Blewer,	Joseph Dean,
Wm. Moore,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
John Bull,	Francis Gurney.

Resolved, That the widow of John Sherer, deceased, be allowed half pay from the time of said Sherer's decease until the first day of June next, when the Council will give further directions in the premices.

(N. B. The above mentioned John Sherer belonged to the Congress armed Boat, & died the 8th July, 1776.)

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. John Hazlewood, for £50, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Joseph Blewer, for £100, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Mr. Moses Young be employed as an assistant to the Secretary.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Charles Leeper £11 5 6, for dieting 11 men of his Company from Cumberland County, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Henry Funk £21 15 0, for 29 pair of Shoes d'd Capt. Bickham.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Elwood £25 10 0, for attendance on the armed Boats while up the river Delaware, to assist in transporting the Troops across the River and defending the Passes.

Resolved, That all those persons who have been appointed on the new Establishment to any office in any of the Regiments ordered to be raised in this State, and who have not received their Commissions, do apply on or before the 10th instant to this Council for the same; all such who neglect to comply with this resolve may expect to be superseded, as the public service requires their immediate attendance.

Resolved, That all the officers who have been in the Continental Service in any of the Regiments raised in this State, or belonged to Colonel Miles' or Colonel Atlee's Battalions, and have not been appointed under the new arrangement of Congress, or in the Regiment of this State, and who intend to continue in service, be required to send in their names to this Council, with the name of the Regiment they belonged to, and their rank, on or before the 10th Instant, and this Council will proceed immediately to fill up the vacancies, and in order that the Merits and Claims of the applicants may be better known, it is expected that they produce certificates of their Conduct from some General or Field Officers, which will be duly attended to in making the new appointments.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay Lieut. Isaac Hannah £21 13 0, for arms and accoutrements, to be charged to Col. Tim'y Green.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Standley & Sing £218 1 3, for 290¼ yards Cloth delivered to Capt. Bickham.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Capt. John McGowen, for 300 Dollars, for recruiting Service for the Regiments belonging to this State.

Resolved, That the Committee of Northampton County do immediately take the Ferry at Easton, kept by Lewis Gordon, under their direction, and cause it to be properly attended, and especially that all Soldiers and Expresses in the Continental Service be forwarded over the said Ferry, be solely under the controul and direction of the said Committee of Northampton County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following accounts:

Capt. Stephen Kramrine £12 3 6, for colours, Drums, Fifes, &ca.
2 9 6, for Repairing Arms.
19 4 0, for Arms, to be charged to Colonel Daniel Hunter, of the 6th Battalion of Berks County.

Col Archibald Thomson £10 0 0 for arms, to be charged to his acco't, and £5 14 6 for a Drum & expences in Collecting the Battalion.

In Council of Safety, January 3d, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Francis Gurney,	Joseph Blewer,
Joseph Dean,	James Cannon,
Owen Biddle,	Wm. Moore,
John Bull,	John Hubley.
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	

Resolved, That Messrs. Rittenhouse & Biddle be a Committee to engage a person or persons to make an attempt at casting of Brass Ordinance, for which purpose they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for all the necessary Expenses attending that Business.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Lieut. Isaac Hannah £23 7 6, for Expences of part of Capt. Rogers' Comp'y, on their March to join General Washington, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel Wm. Cook, for Two Thousand Dollars, for payment of Bounty & wages for his Regiment, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn on this board by Col. Samuel Hunter, of Northumberland County, for Five Hundred Dollars, for payment of Militia in that County (a month's wages)

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who are engaged to join General Washington, to be charged to Col. Hunter.

Captain Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. John Carrothers £16 17 6, for nine days' subsistence of 15 men, on their march to Philadelphia, to be charged to Congress. And likewise, Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Lieut. James Oliver £16 1 7, for Nine days' subsistance & Ferriage of 14 men, to be charged to Congress.

Commodore Seymour was directed to issue all Orders respecting the Fire Ships, Fire Rafts and Guard Boats, thro' Captain John Hazlewood, who commands that Department.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Currie, for a Fireleck delivered to Mr. Towers, £2 15 0.

The following persons were sent off as Expresses, to be stationed at the undermentioned Places, for the purpose of forwarding Dispatches to this Board from Head Quarters, viz:

Mr. Watkins } are to go to the Camp, or where General Wash-
Mr. Barnhill } ington is.
Edward Stroad, at Burlington.
Michael Bower, at Bristol.
George Spangler, at Red Lyon.
George Genter, at Jolly Post.
Frederick Wier, at Trenton Ferry, this Side.
George Howes, at Corryell's Ferry.
William Morris, at Bogart's Tavern.
Peter Warner, at the Billet Tavern.
Frederick Lesher, at Armitage's Tavern.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Mr. Benj'n Poultney, for two Thousand Dollars, to be charged to Capt. Geo. Bickham.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Elias Dawson £4 11 11, for subsistance for 5 men of his Company, on their March to Join General Washington, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Capt. Henry Shade, for 200 Dollars, to be charged to Col. Joseph Penrose.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. James Poe £10 15 3, for Travelling Expences of his Company, to be charg'd to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. Wm. Gray be appointed a Captain of a Company of Foot in the Continental Service, to be placed in some future Regiment.

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In Council of Safety, January 4th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

John Bull,	Francis Gurney,
Joseph Bean,	Wm. Lyon,
John Hubley,	Joseph Blewer,
William Moore,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay John Lockrom £10, for Shoes delivered to Capt. Bickham.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay James Oellers £15 12 9, for an anchor for the armed schooner Delaware, £128 5 0, for 114 Blankets, delivered Capt. Bickham, £595 12 0, for 20 Muskets, 75,000 Flints, & 1016 lbs. Powder, delivered to Mr. Towers, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Michael Goodman £3 15 0, for Porterage of 20 Hhds. of Rum to Shallop, to be sent to the army under Gen. Washington, to be charged to Congress.

John Maxwell Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Irwin one Thousand Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Jeremiah Eldridge £144 14 0, for Mittens & Stockings.

John Riddle £23 16 3, for Blanketing & Cloth.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Charles Woolfall £17 16 10, for Iron Work for the armed schooner Delaware.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Wandle Zerban £302 12 6, for Shoes delivered to Capt. Bickham.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Stitz, for arms purchased, £11 18 0, to be charged to Col. Henry Hill.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Thomas Nevill, for £100, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co, for £500, to be charged to their account.

N. B. The above order was delivered to Mr. Pugh.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay James Ennis £20 6 0, for Riding Express & attending on this Council with a Horse, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Wm. Worts, for three hundred Dollars, for recruiting Service, to be charged to Col. Penrose.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay the two following Acco'ts:

To Gudlip Rell for 46 pair Shoes, a 13s, £29 18.

To John Lockerum for 30 pair Shoes, a 20s, £30.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Joseph Stansbury £5 11 3, for Glass & delph ware, for Ship Montgomery.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieu't Chambers £3 10 0, for a Musket, to be charged to Col. Samuel Hunter.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Jacob Shits, of Col. Hill's Batt'n, £6 0 9, for Wages and Repairs of Drum and fife, to be charged to the Colonel.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Captain Reihm £1 8, for Breakfast of 28 men, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Captain Wm. Blaine, of Cumberland County, £55 0 0, for Traveling expences of himself, Lieutenant, Ensign, 2 Sergeants, & 15 men, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Abraham Mason £7 2 6, for work for 4 men in the Elaboratory, £7 2 6, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieu't Morgan £4 10 0, for Traveling Expences for Bringing 5 prisoners from Trenton to this City, to be charged to Congress.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Jonas Abraham £18 14 0, for 22 pair of Shoes.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Daniel Murphy £40 0 0, for the use of the Armed Boat Eagle, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Kerling £45, for 10 Guns & Bayonets, @ £4 10, deliver'd Robert Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Peter Hoffnagle £26 19 0, for sundry Shoes, Stockings, & Blankets, to be charged to Col. Geo. Ross, of Lancaster County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Elias Davison, £2 10 0, for a Muskett deliver'd to Mr. Towers.

In Council of Safety,

PHILADELPHIA, January 5th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

John Bull,	Owen Biddle,
Joseph Blewer,	James Cannon,
Joseph Dean,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
John Hubley,	Wm. Lyon,

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Captain Thomas Clarke, of Col. James Willson's Batt'n of Cumberland Militia, £37 10, for Sustenance and Ferriage over Susquehanna of 33 Men, 11 Days @ 2s P.

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Capt. Farmer, £100. Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Lewis Farmer One hundred Pounds, towards defraying the Expences of Conducting the Hessian officers to Baltimore, to be charged to his account.

That Capt. Joseph Blewer do furnish Capt. Casdrop with money to provide for such sick and wounded Militia of this City as he may meet on the Road between this and Head Quarters.

Resolved, That Major Benjamin Loxley be requested to exhibit his accounts to this Council, in order for a Settlement.

In Council of Safety,

PHILADELPHIA, January 6th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.
DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

William Moore,
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,
Joseph Blewer,
John Hubley,
William Lyon,
Benj'n Bartholomew,
George Gray.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Joseph Carson £132 10.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benjamin Stites £5, for attendance and cure of Joshua Giffen, belonging to the Brig'r commanded by Capt. Montgomery, blown up at Cape May.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary of Stores, £183 15 5, for arms bought by him with Men's wages, &c.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following accounts:

Michael Sist for building a Chimney, £2 5 0.

John Bray, for going Express on public service, &ca., £12 15 0, Charge Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Rob't Erwin, for five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Col. Isaac Melchor, for One Thousand Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Robnet & David Crawford £2 0 0, for work on board the Flat to take 20 Hhds. Rum to the Army, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Gardner £6 0 0, for a Rifle Gun delivered to Capt. Thomas Clark, to be charged to Col. James Wilson.

Mr. Rob't Erwin was directed to pay John Dickey £18, David Patton £16 10, Frederick Humble £16 10, Jacob Reigart £16 10, Sam'l Wiley £16 10, Robert Steratt £16 10, David Foot £16 10,

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James Walker £16 10, John Lusk £16 10 6, John Aries £12 0 0, for waggon hire, & 5s for ferriage.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the Directors of the Pennsylvania Hospital £90 5.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wm. Blaine for a Grubing Ax & 2 Mattock d'd Mr. Towers.

Resolved, That General Ewing be requested to order Col. Slough of Lancaster to march with his Battalion, or such part thereof as are now in the Town of Lancaster, to this City, without delay.

That Captain Mercer, of Col. Ross' Battalion, in Lancaster, be likewise ordered to march immediately to this City.

Resolved, That Mr. Christian Wertz be appointed Town Major of Lancaster.

Resolved, That the Committee of Lancaster direct a sufficient number of aged or infirm Persons who are unfit to bear the fatigues of the Campaign, to be enrolled under the Town Major, for the purpose of Guarding the Prisoners in the Barracks, the Amunition and Stores in Lancaster, during the absence of the militia.

In Council of Safety, January 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Benjamin Bartholomew,	Joseph Blewer,
Joseph Dean,	Wm. Moore,
Owen Biddle,	Fred. Kuhl.
John Hubley,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay David Ware, Shoemaker, £100, for 100 pair Mens' shoes.

Captain George Bickham was ordered to pay Capt. Samuel Irwin of Col. Blain's Battalion in Cumberland Militia, £18 11 0, for subsistance money on the March from Cumberland to the City, & Ferriage, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Armstrong for a Gun delivered to Colo. Hunter of Northumberland, appraised at £3 10 0.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Fred. Snyder £7 2 6, for 7 Blankets; Also, to pay Robert McNair £4 13 6, for 5¼ yards Cloth @ 17s.

Mr. Robert Irwin, Waggon-master Gen'l, was directed to pay John Bayley £207, for hire of 4 Waggons, from 28 to 32 days, including his pay as waggon-Master for 32 days @ 15s to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. James Rogers of Col. Green's Batt'n of Riflemen of Lancaster County £84 5 4, for Guns,

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Powder horns, Shot Pouches, Blankets & Haver Sacks, &c., bought by said Rogers and appraised by James Johnson and Jas. Ross, to be charged to Col. Timothy Green.

Capt. Bickham was order'd to pay Samuel Young £31 10, for 28 pair of Shoes, @ 22s 6.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieut. Col. Naugle 2,000 Dollars, for recruiting service for the ninth Pennsylvania Reg't, to be charged to the Colonel.

He was also order'd to pay James Hand £28 11 7, for 9½ Cord of Hickory Wood, a 60s per Cord, and Cordage 1s 7.

In Council of Safety, January 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Joseph Blewer,	Joseph Dean,
John Bull,	John Hubley.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James M' Clean, Esq'r, £68, being the amo't of two acco'ts, viz: £41 12 6 and £26 7 6, Paid by Col. John Allison, for Arms taken from non-Associators in Antrim and Peters Township, Cumberland County, and put into the hands of his Battalion, then under marching Orders for Amboy. These arms were appraised by Tho's Johnson, Fergus Moorehead, Henry Pawling, Patrick Maxwell, Robert Smith and David Huston, made payable to said McClean by Col. Allison, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was ordered to pay Nicholas Spencer £1 2 6, for Hawling three Cords of wood.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Rob't Ralston £7 12, for 9½ yds. Cloth a 16s: Also to pay Major Vance £101 17 6, for travelling expences of two Companies of the 2nd Battalion of York County, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay V. Payton, assistant in the Continental Hospital, £14 5, for 1 month's pay and Rations, from the 6th of Decem'r to the 6th of January, to be charg'd to Congress; Also, to pay Doctor Bowie £14 5, for 1 month's pay and Rations, from the 6th Dec'r to the 6th Jan'ry, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favour of Colonel Isaac Melsher, for 1,000 Dollars, to be charg'd to his acco't.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay James Mackay £1 8, for 2 Pair Shoes, a 14s.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Allen and Hall £112 7, for Blacksmith's work done to the Floating Battery Putnam.

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Capt. Bickham was directed to pay John Wallace £4 10, for 3 Blankets.

Mr. Nesbitt was ordered to pay Robert Jewell, Esq'r, Keeper of the State Prison, £59 12 7½, being the Balla'ce of his acco't for dieting State Prisoners, the whole acco't amounting to £267 18 1½, (of w'h he has received £262 10,) £10 17 2 of w'h to be charged to this State, the remainder to Congress.

Captain Geo. Bickham was directed to pay David Wallace £5 8, for 4 Blankets.

An order was drawn on John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, for 2000 Dollars, favor of Capt. Geo. Bickham.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Amos Alexander £10 11½, for 40½ y'ds Linnen, @ 3s 7, 2 pair Hose, @ 11s 8, and 1 Blanket, at 32s 6.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Gardner, of the 4th Battalion of Chester County Militia, £2, for a Rugg bought by him for one of his Company, to be charged to Col. Evans.

An order was drawn on Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, for 300 Dollars, in favour of Mr. Barnes, one of the Overseers of the Poor for the district of Southwark, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Bridges £131 19, being the amo't of two acco'ts, viz: £52 for 40 Hammocks @ 26s, for the use of the Galley Convention, John Rice, Esq'r, Commander; and £79 19, for 302 yards of Canvas @ 4s 6, and 6 Barrels of Turpentine @ 40s, for the use of the Ship Montgomery, Henry Dougherty, Esq'r, Commander.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Capt. John Andrew, of the 5th Batt'n of Cumberland County, £6 9 4 being the Balance, he having rec'd £11 5 of Com. of Carlisle, the whole amo't, 17 14 4, for subsistence of one Captain and ten Privates on their march to join General Washington, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Patrick McDowell £5, for turning 200 Bottoms for 3 and 4 lb. Ball, @ 50s, to be charg'd to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt for 4000 Dollars, in favor of Mr. Robert White, for the purpose of paying a month's Wages to advance to the Militia of Cumberland County, who enter into actual Service, to be charged to the Committee of Carlisle.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Boyd £7 5, for 2 Guns & Cartouch Box, for the use of a Company of the first Batt'n of Associators of Northumberland County, to be charged to Colonel Hunter.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Charles Clingin £4 7 6, for Halling Cannon, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was likewise directed to pay Doctor Dulap £40 17 6, for Medicines provided the State Hospital, and two Month's Wages and Rations for a mate.

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Resolved, That Robert Falconer be appointed an Ensign in the 12th Pennsylvania Regiment of Foot, commanded by Col. Wm. Cook, in the room of John Stone, resigned.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt for a Balla. of £45 5, in favour of Colonel Philip Cole, for Cash advanc'd the 4th Battalion of Northumberland County, he to be accountable to Col. Sam'l Hunter for the same.

Capt Bickham was directed to pay Capt. James Gibson £67, for retain'd Rations of the 4th Battalion of Cumberland County, to be charg'd to Congress.

Captain Bickham was ordered to pay the following acco'ts, viz: to James Cochran £1 8 9, for 1 Blanket; William Pennel £3 17, for 3 Blankets; Rob't Evans £2 12 6, for 1 Blanket and 2 Pair Shoes; Andrew Wallace £1 10, for 1 Blanket; Philip Boehm for 2 Pair of Shoes, £2 5; Geo. Woods £8 10, for 10 Pair Shoes.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay James Claypoole £15, for Expences that may attend making shirts, to be charg'd to his account.

Resolved, That Alexander Hunter, Esq'r, be appointed paymaster to the militia of Northumberland County, enrolled to serve to the Tenth of March next.

In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, January 9th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Joseph Blewer,	John Hubley,
Joseph Dean,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r.
John Bull,	

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Messrs. Christ'r Marshall & Co. for £500, for the purpose of providing for Sick Soldiers, to be charged to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of John Mitchel, Esq'r, for £1500, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Clark £5 15 0, for a Rifle delivered to Mr. Towers.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Lewis Nicola, Esq'r, Town Major, one Thousand Pounds, for the use of the City Guards, to be charged to his acco't.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay James Douglass £1 10 11, for 4¼ yards of Swanskin @ 7s 6, and Robert Giffin for 21 yards of Linnen @ 8s 6, £3 18 6.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. James Stuart two Hundred Dollars, for the use of Poor Associators in Capt. Moulder's Company, while in actual Service, to be charged to Mr. Stuart.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Paul Zantzinger £73 6 6, for pay and Rations of his Campany of Militia, in Colonel Ross' Battalion of Lancaster County, commencing Nov'r 16, and ending the 20th, both days inclusive, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Christopher Crawford, £25 18 9, for pay and Rations of his Company of Militia in Col. Ross' Batt'n of Lancaster Co., Commencing the 16th Nov'r, & ending the 20th, both days inclusive, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Peter Hoofnagle £51 5, for pay and Rations of his Company of Militia, in Col. Ross' Batt'n of Lancaster County, commencing the 16th and ending the 20th Nov'r, both days inclusive, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Henry £52 7 1, for pay and Rations of his Company of Militia, in Col. Ross' Battalion of Lancaster County, Commencing the 16th and ending the 20th Nov'r, both days inclusive, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Andrew Graff £52 12 6, for pay and Rations of his Company of Militia in Col. Ross' Batt'n of Lancaster Co., Commencing the 16th and ending the 20th Nov'r, both days inclusive, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Justice £5 10, for a Gun, Pouch and Horn, to be charged to Col. Jno. Piper, of the 1st Batt'n of Bedford County Militia.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Lowry £3 15, for a Rifle Gun lost in the Service at Trenton, when the Stores of the army were removing across the Delaware, in Dec'r, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Ebenezer Lundy £151 1, for 202 Cartouch Boxes and 200 Bayonet Belts delivered to Mr. Towers.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Andrew Carson £473, for 157 Pair Leather Breeches @ 60s, and 2 pair Shoes @ 20s.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt for 2000 Dollars, in favour of Capt. Geo. Bickham, to be charg'd to his Account.

Resolved, That Edward Cowan be appointed Paymaster to the 1st Battalion of Lancaster County Militia.

Resolved, That Joseph Blewer and Joseph Dean be appointed to Collect all the Cannon in this city and suburbs, that they may think suitable for the service of this State, and that they may employ as many Persons as they think necessary for mounting the said Cannon on truck & travelling Carriages, as soon as possible.

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In Council of Safety, January 10th, 1777.

PRESENT.

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Joseph Blewer,	Wm. Moore,
Joseph Dean,	John Bull,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r.	John Hubley.

Captain Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Captain Boyd for Milage of his Major, himself, adjutant, 2 Lieut., ensign, four Sergeants, & 33 Privates, @ 47 Miles, £10 8 8.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Culberson £2 10, for 2 Blankets for Capt. M. Boyd's Company, to be charged to Colonel John Hannum, of Chester County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Philip Cole, £21 2 1½, for expences for collecting his Battalion & marching them to this city to join Gen. Washington.

Resolved, That Mr. Conrod Weaver be appointed to assist Mr. William Coates, to take care of the Sick in the Northern Liberties, in the room of Mr. Wm. Masters.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Joseph Penrose, for Five Thousand Dollars, for recruiting Service for the 10th Pen'a Reg't, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Messrs. Wm. Coates & Conrod Weaver, for £100, for the purpose of providing for sick soldiers in the Northern Liberties, they to be accountable.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Robert Towers, for £50, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Rob't McKees £14 2 6, for 11 Blanketts for the use of his Company, to be charged to Col. Bartram Gilbraith.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Offner £18 10, for expences in conveying 5 British officers and 3 servants from Easton to Brunswick, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Elliott £5 0 0, for a Gun, to be charged to Col. Piper, of Bedford County.

Mr. Nesbitt was ordered to pay Mr. Philip Boehm Twenty Pounds, for the use of poor Associators of Capt. Hassencliver's Comp'y, 1st Batt'n, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Grubb & Co. £37 10, for Labourers' pay and hire of 2 Boats employed by Major Proctor.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay George Palmer £4, for Piloting 2 Vessels between Philad'a and Trenton.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Hill and Peter Baker £17 10, for Work and Boat Hire, employed by Major Proctor.

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Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Frederick Snyder £12 8, for attendance of the Council for 31 days a 8s.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Marcus Hulings £26, for a Boat employ'd in transporting the Baggage of Colonel Cook's Battalion from Shamokin to Harris' Ferry, which Boat was accidentally stove, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Irwin do pay the Waggoners' Wages which have been employed in this State, a 30s. p day, deducting 10 s. p day if they receive public Feed, or in proportion for so much as they do receive, having a due regard for proper Vouchers of the time they have been in service, and that he discharge none which are fit for service, without orders of Council.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt for 300 Dollars, in favor of Captain John M'Gowen, for recruiting service for the Pennsylvania Regiment, now commanded by Major Williams, he to be accountable to the Major.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt for £60, in favor of Lewis Guyon, towards work done for this State, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Myers £4 15, for Work and Porterage for this State.

In Council of Safety, January 11th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	William Moore,
John Bull,	Samuel Morris, Sen'r.
Joseph Blewer,	Joseph Dean.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Tho's Whiteside £8 4, for Milage of 11 men 70 Miles, (Col. Porter's Batt'n of Lancaster County Militia,) to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Tho's Waters £30, for 6 Flat loads of Stone, for filling up the Piers at Fort Island.

Resolved, That Wilton Atkinson be appointed Quarter Master to the 12th Pennsylvania Regiment of Foot, Commanded by Col. Wm. Cook.

Resolved, That all Captains or inferior Officers of Militia who produce Accounts to this Board, for expences attending the march of the Militia to this City, shall be qualified to such accounts before they are passed by the Secretary.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Robert Smith £20 12 6, for 37½ yards Flannel, a 11s.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Colonel James Moor £22 10 4, and Lieut. Col. Joseph Park £18 8 6, for Expences in Col.

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leeting the 1st Batt'n of Chester County Militia, including half-pay of the Colonels for One month and ten days, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That the Paymasters to the several Pennsylvania Reg'ts do pay to each of the Officers and Men their respective wages once p month.

Resolved, That all the Officers and men belonging to Miles' and Atlee's Battalions, who are now in this City or the Suburbs, be paraded before the Lodge, on Monday morning next, that their necessities may be enquired into, and Cloathing delivered out to them.

The Senior Officers of that Corps are to see that this resolve be complied with, and that notice be given to the men & other officers in due time. And no party or detachment of the said Corps is to march from this City to Head Quarters or elsewhere, without orders from this Council.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay James Hall £28 12 6, for 27 Pair Shoes, a 17s. 6.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Andrew Graff 29 6 9, for Blankets, Shoes and Stockings, of 1st Batt'n Lancaster Militia.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Simon and Levy £377 7 6, for Guns delivered to the following Colonels, to be charged to their accounts, Vizt:

20 Rifle Guns deliver'd Capt. Robinson's Co., of the 4th Battalion of Cumberland County, a £6 10s.,	£130 00 0
17 Guns deliver'd Robert Elder's Comp'y of the 4th Battalion Lancaster County, a £6 10s.,	110 10 0
21 Rifle Guns delivered Major Davis, Col. Montgomery's Battalion of Lancaster County, a £6 10s.,	136 17 6

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, £3 10, in favour of Robert King, for a musket sold Lieu't Col. Murray, of Col. Potter's Reg't, for the use of said Reg't, to be charged to Col. Potter.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Samuel Morris £4 3, for Oatmeal and Barley, purchased by him for the use of the General Hospital at Bristol, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Fitzgerald £1 16, for Halling Plank for the Floating Battery.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Storer, Steward, of the Penn'a Hospital, £104 15 0, for nursing Sick soldiers in the Hospital, &ca, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieu't James Young £22 0 0, for 5 Stand of arms Left at Fort Washington, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That John Hubley, Esq'r, be authorized to employ all the Shoemakers amongst the Hessian Prisoners at Lancaster, in making of Shoes for this State, for which purpose the sum of two thousand Pounds shall be advanced to him or his order, for the purchase of leather and other materials for working upon; and he is to pay them a small allowance for their labour, for which Service Mr. Hubley is to have a reasonable compensation.

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Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Wm. McAleavy £18 19, for Rations due his Company of the 1st Batt'n of Militia of Bedford County, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. John Lee, for subsistance of his Company from Northumberland County, £75 12 4½, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That John Hubley, Esq'r, be appointed Commissary of the Continental Stores, and of the Stores of this State at Lancaster, with the Rank and pay of a Major, And to have full powers to appoint such Deputies as he may judge necessary.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Clugage & Capt. Parker £14 19, for travelling Expences for their Companies from Bedford County, to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, January 12th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon,
Joseph Dean,	John Hubley.

Orders were given to Colonel Morgan to have the 2nd Batt'n of Militia in Berks County, which he is to command, to make all necessary preparations, and to hold themselves in readiness to march on the Shortest notice, and wait until further orders from this Board.

The Council being informed that a number of the Country Militia are returning to their respective homes, disgusted at the precipitate orders they received this day, to march when they were not supplied w'th provisions, and in want of many other necessaries, which orders were given without the approbation of this Board.

Resolved, That John Hubley, Esq'r, a member of this board, be directed to endeavour to prevail on such of the Militia to return, and to assure them that this Council have, and ever will warmly interest themselves in behalf of their Countrymen, the Militia of this State, And will exert their authority to the utmost to preserve to them the rights of Freemen; and further, that this Council will, as far as possible, furnish such as shall return, with all proper equipments, And by no means consent to their being compelled to join the Continental Army until they are so supplied.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, January 13th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Joseph Dean,	William Moore,
Owen Biddle, Chairman,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bull,	John Hubley,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Robert Fitzgerald £33 4 10, for work done the Ship Montgomery, and £12 11 6, for work done the Galley Convention.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay James McDonald, Commissary to the Northumberland Militia, £300 8 10, for providing the Militia with provisions, on their march to this City.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Martin Wirt £75 19, being the Ball'e of his acco't, for hire of a Schooner for 77 days, a 80s, and work done by himself and hands at Chevaux de Frize.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay David Robb £7, for 2 Guns and one Blanket, for the use of the 2nd Batt'n of Northumberland county, to be charged to Colonel James Murray.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following Person £36 7, to be charged to Col. James Murray of the 2nd Batt'n of Cumberland County, viz:

To Capt. Cookson Long		£6 10,	for a Rifle Gun.
To	Do.	5 10,	for a Gun.
To	Do.	11,	for 2 Guns, Horn, Pouches and Charger.
To	Do.	6 17,	for 1 Gun and Blanket.
To	Do.	6 10,	for 1 Gun and Blanket from John Lace.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Samuel Harris £7 4, for work done the Arms of the Militia of Northumberland County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Samuel Harris £16 7, for repairs of the arms of the Militia of Northumberland, by order of Major John Harris.

Capt. Bickham to pay Capt. Thomas Paxton £31 8. 6, for Ball'e of his acco't of Subsistence of his Comp'y from Bedford County, to be charged to Congress. (N. B. Capt. Paxton left Bills to the amo't of £9 19, at Taverns on the road.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Sam'l Wilson £23 16, for pay of his Comp'y of the 5th Batt'n of York Co. Militia.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major John Rogers £20, for his pay, and Rations for 28 days, (of the 2nd Batt'n of Lancaster county,) to be charged to Congress.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Benjamin Marshall for £200, for the purpose of assistance of the families of poor Militia of Capt. Bowers' Company.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Colonel James Murray 67 Dollars, being advance for a Company of men in Northumberland County.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Lieut. Col. James Murray £25 6 8, for sundry expences attending this Batt'n of Northumberland Co. Militia.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay the officers of the above Batt'n £42, for subsistence money.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. John Clark £148 19, for subsistence money, for his Co. of the North'd Co. Militia.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Emanuel Woodly £13 5 0, for Boat Hire.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Robert Irvine for £500, for the payment of Waggon hire, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt favor of Doctor Harris, for £150, to be charged to his account.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Alex'r Trindle £27 12, for subsistence of his Co. from Carlisle to this City, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John McGinnet £11 5, for carrying stone from Fort Island to the Piers.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Lewis Harrington £10, for 10 pair Shoes.

In Council of Safety, January 14th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse, Owen Biddle,
Joseph Blewer, John Hubley,
Joseph Dean, John Bull.
Wm. Moore,

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Gustavus Resberg for £500, for expences in carrying on the Continental Powder-Mill, to be charged to Col. Biddle & Major Jos. Copperthwaite.

Messrs. Mease & Caldwell was directed to pay Col. Fred. Wats £4 8 0, for a Ball'e due him for Blankets delivered to Mr. Towers, & Rations, to be charged to Con.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Samuel Goudys, for the subsistence of his Company from Juniata, £60 0 0, to be charged to Congress.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doctor William Stephens £3 13 9, for Medicine and Attendance of Thos. Smith, Rifleman of Capt. Murray's Co., 2nd Batt'n of Pennsylv'a.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Johnson £5 18, for nursing, attendance, and funeral expences of the above Tho's Smith.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Scott £9 7 6, for 7 Blankets and a Waggon Cloth for the use of Capt. Wm. Scott's Comp'y of Col. Klotz's Batt'n of the Flying Camp, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Hoofnagle £8 9 10, being cash paid by him to Jacob Dickert for repairing Arms &c., charge to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Thomas Nevell, for One Hundred pounds, to be charged to his acco't towards Gun Carriages making by him.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Captain William Gray, for Two Hundred Dollars, for recruiting service, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robt. Towers £258 19 6, for making Cartridges, Arms Purchased, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Holliday, Ensign of Capt'n. Wm. McAlewy's Comp'y of Bedford Co., £5, being the Ball'ce of a month's pay, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Colonel Henry Geiger £89 4 6, for charges of apprehending and bringing to Reading Goal the following persons, who are suspected of being Tories, to whose acco't this sum is to be charged, viz; William Thomas, Philip Mooser, Michael Ohl, Casper Boldof, Michael Buck, Henry Stinninger & Jacob Oswalt.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Nicholas Spring £1 17 6, for Halling Wood.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Col. Henry Geiger, for £75 0 0, for the purpose of purchasing Blankets, &ca., for His Battalion, Northampton County, to be charged to his account.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Rider £16, for Exp's of his Comp'y from the 4th until the 11th Inst, to be charged to the Colonel, Henry Geiger.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Davis Bevan £14 12 6, for Expences going to Lewistown to obtain the release of Prisoners from the Roebuck Man of War.

Resolved, That Messrs. Josiah Hewes & Andrew Tybout & Robert Tucking, be appointed to take care of the Prisoners returned from New York, & to provide them with such necessaries as they may stand in need of, and that they make return to this Council of their names, with the Battalions to which they belong, and also that they do return to Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, such as belong to the Continental Army, and to John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, such as belong to this State, that they may receive their pay.

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Resolved, That the officers of the first Battalion of Lancaster County, and the few men who remained with them when they were deserted by the greater part of the Battalion on the 12th instant, deserve the warmest acknowledgments of this Board for their endeavors to prevail on their Countrymen to stay, though those endeavors proved unsuccessful; and that the conduct of those who basely deserted, at that time, without applying to this Council, and waiting for redress, if they thought themselves aggrieved, is highly reprehensible.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of John Hubley, Esq'r, for two Thousand Pounds, (agreeable to a Resolve of 11th Inst,) to be charged to his acco't.

In Council of Safety, January 15th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Joseph Dean,	John Bull,
Joseph Blewer,	Wm. Moore,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Hubley.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Abram Mason £12 7 6, for work done by Sundry Persons in the Elaboratory, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Peter Knight, £100, to supply the poor families of Capt. Williams' Company, to be charged to Mr. Knight.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benjamin Armitage £2 9 4, for Tavern Expences of Major Proctor's Men, with 2 Waggons of ammunition, on the 3d & 4th of Dec'r last, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain John McConkey £21 10 7, for arms & accoutrements, &c., furnished his Comp'y of the County of Bucks, to be charged to Colonel Hart.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Capt. James Adams £112 5 1, for Expences attending the March of his Co., from Cumberland Co., to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favour of William Thompson, for £50, towards Manufacturing Powder for Congress, to be charged to his account.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. James Purdy £117 17 3, for subsistence of his Company of the 4th Batt'n of Cumberland County Militia, from Juniata to this City, to be charged to Congress.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Hedrick, 200 Dollars, for recruiting service of the 11th Reg't of this State, to be charged to Col. Humpton.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Henry Huber of the 5th Batt'n of Bucks County Militia £8 18, for Exp's of Drum and Fife, with wages of a Drill Sergeant, for instruction of his Company.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay the following Acco'ts, to be charged to Congress:

To William Rush, for Men & Horses for Expresses since the 7th Dec'r,		£27 10 0
Peter Warner for	Do.,	13 12 6
William Morris for	Do.,	11 0 0
Peter Parris for	Do., to Reading,	3 15 0
Geo. Haas for	Do.,	5 0 0
Lewis Fohrer for	Do.,	7 10 0
Leonard Lasher for	Do.,	17 15 0
		£86 2 6

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Young £75 5, for Knapsacks, Havre Sacks, Priming Wires & Brushes, &c.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Wm. Gray £4 11, for Expences attending the bringing Prisoners from Chesnut Hill, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Captain Francis Nichols, for 200 Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to his acco't.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Geo. Losh £9 17 10, for subsistence of a Company of the 2nd Batt'n of Northampton County.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Fisher £1 12, for subsistence of his Company, of the 3d Battalion of Berks County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay William Cook £3, for one Gun for his Company, of the 2nd Batt'n of North'd County, to be charged to the Colonel.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Thomas Carpenter £3 10 0, for 4 pair of Shoes, & James Teas for 3 pair of Shoes, £1 15 0, & John Cahey £1 10 0, for 1 Blanket.

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In Council of Safety, January 16th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Joseph Dean,	John Bull,
Joseph Blewer,	David Rittenhouse,
John Hubley,	James Cannon.
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Hart, for £100 0 0, for the purpose of providing for Sick Soldiers, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Arch'd McCall £120 0 0, for 32 muskets delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Emslie £4 3 2, for Shot Patterns, to be charged to James Old, & £17 8 8, for ditto, delivered to Mr. Towers, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Alex'r Huston £1 2 6, for a Blanket.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Captain John Nelson, of Colonel George Taylor's Battalion of Northampton County, for One hundred Pounds, to advance his Company a month's pay, to be charged to Peter Rhodes, Esq'r, he to be accountable to Mr. Rhodes.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt for 200 Dollars, in favor of Lieutenant John Stotsbury, for recruiting service for the 11th Reg't, to be charged to Col. Rich'd Humpton.

Copy of an intercepted Letter, directed to Brigadier General Philemon Dickenson, at the American Camp.

"Receive no more Continental Money on your Bonds and Mortgages. The British Troops having conquered the Jerseys, and your being in Camp, are sufficient reasons. Be sure you remember this. It will better for you."

The above is a true copy of an intercepted Letter, w'h Letter Col. John Dickenson has acknowledged before the Council, to have been written by himself to his Brother the General.

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In Council of Safety, January 17th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Presid't.

John Hubley,	Joseph Blewer.
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Wm. Moore,
Owen Biddle,	David Rittenhouse,
Wm. Lyons,	John Bull,
Joseph Dean,	James Cannon.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Timothy Barret, for £20, for the use of poor Families of Capt. Wade's Company, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, favour of Jacob Shriner, for 100 Dollars, for the use of the poor families of Associators.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Matthias Young £3, for Painting 2 Flat Bottom'd Boats.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, favour of Captain Blewer, for £200, he to be accountable.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, favour of Major Williams, for 2,000 Dollars, for recruiting service, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Samuel Gowdy £2, Adam Meyers £1 7, and Robert Dawson £2, for 3 Guns lost in Actual Service in Col. Watt's Batt'n at Forts Lee and Washington, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Jacob Stroud, for 500 Dollars, for the use of the 4th Batt'n of Northampton County Militia, to be charged to acco't of Peter Rhoads, Esq'r, he to be accountable to Mr. Rhoads.

Resolved, That Mr. Michael Hubley have the rank and pay of Captain, as Barrack Master of Lancaster County.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Henry Klimer 15s for a Blanket, & William Porter £3 12 0, for 6 pair of Stockings.

Mr. Robert Dallam, Paymaster to the Flying Camp, was requested to advance Captain Smyser Fifty pounds, to pay some of his men who have lately returned from their Captivity.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD, January 18th, 1777.

PRESENT:

SAM'L MORRIS, Sen'r, Chair'n.

John Hubley,	William Lyon,
Joseph Blewer,	Joseph Dean,
John Bull,	James Cannon.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel Melcher, for 2,000 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Philip Wert £65 10 0, for Hire of his Shallop, to assist in sinking Chevaux de Frize.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour Lieut. Robert Connoly, for 500 Dollars, for recruiting service for the fourth Pen'a Regiment, to be charged to Colonel L. Cadwalader.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Messrs. William Chrispin, Samuel Taylor, William Allen, Job Harvey, & Peter Stretch, for the purpose of purchasing Blankets in Chester County, to be charged to their account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Alex'r Hunter, Paymaster to the Northumberland County Militia, for one Hundred Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay L't Col. Fred. Antes, of 3rd Batt'n of Philad'a County Militia, £43 10 0, for Drum, Drum major & Fife major wages, £43 10 0.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary of Stores, was directed to deliver Mr. Johnson of Maryland Three Hundred Stand of Arms, and as many Cartouch Boxes as he may have occasion for, for the use of the Maryland Militia.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Mr. Werts 35 Stand of Arms, to keep Guard over the Hessian Prisoners at Lancaster.

WHEREAS, This Council is informed that many of the principal Associators of Col. Hunter's Battalion of Berks County, refuse to march, to join General Washington's army at this Important Crisis, when so glorious an opportunity offers of Crushing the enemy, and thereby have prevented and discouraged the rest, and proceeded even to dare them to enforce the resolves of this Council upon them; therefore

Resolved, That Colonel Hunter be directed forthwith to Collect all the well affected in his Battalion, and to seize upon the ringleaders in this defection, and send them under guard to Philadelphia, and that he do execute the Resolve; the resolve of this Council of the seventh of December last, upon all who refuse to march without favour or affection, and that they do Collect Blankets and other necessaries for the use of those who are to march,

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paying a reasonable price for the same; and should any person refuse to deliver such necessaries as they can spare, the Colonel is directed to take and pay for the same. Those that turn out are to march the most direct road to Head Quarters.

An order was drawn on Capt. Bickham, in favour of Colonel Stroud, £57 10, for mileage of three Companies marching to this City.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. James F. Moore £29 10 9, for Expences after deserters, &c., by order of Gen'l Washington.

Resolved, That Doct'r Andrew Ledlie, (of Northampton County,) be appointed Surgeon to the 12th Pensylvania Reg't, Commanded by Colonel Wm. Cook.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A., January 19th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Joseph Blewer, Wm. Lyon,
John Bull, James Cannon.
Joseph Dean,

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Col. Bartram Galbreath £146 17 0, for arms taken from non-associators, to be charged to his acco't.

In Council of Safety, January 20th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

SAM'L MORRIS, Sen'r, Chairm'n.

John Bull, John Hubley,
William Moore, Joseph Blewer,
Joseph Dean, Owen Biddle,
Wm. Lyon, David Rittenhouse.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co. £500, to be charged to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Robert Erwin, for £500, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Col. Clement Biddle, for 5000 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Geo. Bickham, for 2000 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Robert Patton 1000 Dollars, for Cloathing, &ca., to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. H. Courtney 200 Dollars, for recruiting Service for artillery, to be charged to Major Proctor.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay the following accounts:

James Bickham, £162 6 5¼, for Swanskin, &ca.
John Robertson, 20 10 6, for Blankets.
James Willson, 1 10 0, for a Blanket.
Sam'l Weer, 1 15 0, for a Do.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Britton £50 11 4, for Boards, &ca. for use of Magazine, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Robert Bailey for £25, for the use of the families of poor associators in Capt. McElwain's Company of the 3d Batt'n, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. John Haslewood, for 800 Dollars, being the Bounty Money for 80 men.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Larnoe £15 12, for 26 Cartouch Boxes and Bayonet Belts @ 18s, to be charged to the Coln. Bucks County Militia.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, favor of Captain Bowen, for 1000 Dollars, for the recruiting Service of the 9th Reg't, to be charg'd to Col'l Nagle.

Resolved, That Colonel Dean and Colonel Bull be appointed to attend the Treaty to be held with the Indians at Easton, on Monday next, on behalf of this Council; when, they are to advise and concur with the Committee of Assembly and Congress, in all such measures as they shall think proper, to preserve peace and harmony with the Indian Nations.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Wm. Lyon, Esq'r, for 500 Dollars, to be charg'd to his Acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mary Wirt, the wife of Lieut. Geo. Wirt, of Col. Miles' Batt'n, £30, in part of his pay, and to be charg'd to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, favour of Col'l Bartram Galbraith, for £310, to be charg'd to Mr. Will'm Attlee, Chairman of the Committee of Lancaster, to whom he is accountable for the same.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Dan'l Carpenter £19 12, for retain'd Rations for 1 Capt. and 10 men, f'm the 10th Dec'r last.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Sarah Jollie £5, for 2 Blankets, sold the 15th Ins't.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, January 21st, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, President.

Joseph Dean,	John Hubley,
Joseph Blewer,	William Lyon,
John Bull,	David Rittenhouse,
William Moore,	Saml. Morris, Sen'r,
Geo. Gray,	Owen Biddle.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Messrs. Josiah Hewes, for £100, to be charged to their Account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Casdorp £35 12 5, for expences of the Guards in bringing up money from Baltimore, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Thos. Casdorp £8 15, for his expences to Morristown and back again, seven days, @ 25s, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Saunderson £149 13 0, for Arms taken from Tories in New Jersey by Maj'r Hubley & Major Mifflin, & delivered to Mr. Towers. Also £78, for 3 Horses delivered to John Morris, Esq'r, Q. M., taken from Tories in Jersey, & taken into public service, to be charged to Mr. Morris.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Wm. Cook & 6 Officers of his Reg't, viz: Capts. John Harris, Henry McKinley, Hawkins Boon, John Brady, Lieutenants Stephen Chambers, Robert King, for extraordinary expences for recruiting, &ca, Amounting to £868 3 10, to be charged to Congress.

Colonel Ephraim Blain, of the 1st Battalion Cumberland County Militia, is directed to hold an Election for Field Officers in the said Battalion, if two-Thirds of the Battalion, now marched and marching to Camp, require the same. That the Colonel be furnished with Blank Commissions to fill them, according to such directions.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Bartraim Galbraith £66 2 3, for Arms delivered to Mr. Towers.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Joseph Martin for Subsistance of his Company from Cumberland County to this City, £105 1 3, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Colonel Bartram Galbreath £34 10 6, for Blankets, lost by his Batt'n in Actual Service at Trenton and Princetown, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Galbreath £19 14 1, for Exp's of his Batt'n in Calling out, &c., to be charg'd to Congress.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Thos. Beale £72 17, for subsistence of his Comp'y of Col. Watts' Batt'n of Cumberland

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County Militia, to be charg'd to Congress; likewise £1 2 7 for Ferriage.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Cox, Esq'r, for £500, on acco't of Shott cast for this State, to be charged to his acco't.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Robert Smith £20 0 0, for the purpose of providing poor families of Colonel Savage's Battalion of Rockhill Township, Bucks County, to be charg'd to him.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Captain William Gray, for five Hundred Dollars, for recruiting service, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Alexander Benstead, Paymaster, for the 10th Reg't, for 2000 Dollars, for recruiting service, to be charg'd to Col. Penrose.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Tho's. Savadge, for £500, to be charg'd to his Acco't.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay And'w Wimmore £12 17 6, for expences of Horses for Expresses, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Howell £8 8 10, for his expences as an Express to Head Quarters, charge to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Payne be appointed Secretary to the Commissioners for the Indian Treaty to be held at Easton on Monday next.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Wilson £2 10, for attendance and distributing advertisements since 20th ult., to be charg'd to Congress.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Major John Boggs £5 4, for subsisting while assisting to raise the Batt'n of Cumberland County Militia, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Sam'l Davidson £92 4 10, for retain'd Rations of his Company.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Matthias Selers £77 2 4, for subsistence of his Co. of the 1st Batt'n Cumb. Co. Militia, to be charg'd to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Wm. Mitchell, of the 5th Batt'n York County Militia £30 1 6, for subsistence of his Comp'y, to be charg'd to Congress.

Resolved, That the following Persons be appointed in the Pennsylvania Reg't, now under the Command of Major Williams :

Jas. Carnaghan,	1st Lieutenant,	October 24th, 1776,	No. 8.
Thomas Johnston,	Do,	Jan'ry 21st, 1777.	
Joseph Brownlee,	2nd Do.,	October 24th, 1776,	7.
Luke Broadhead,	Do.,	October 24th, 1776,	8.
James Whitehead,	do.,	January 21st, 1777.	
James Wiley,	Ensign,	January 21, 1777.	

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Machan £1 10, for a Blanket lost in actual Service and apprais'd, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Alex'r Rannax, of Capt. Culbertson's Comp'y, £3 15, for a double Blanket lost in actual Service, to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, January 22nd, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, President.

Joseph Blewer,	John Hubley,
Joseph Dean,	William Lyon,
William Moore,	Geo. Gray,
John Bull,	John Bayard.
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay the following Accounts:

To Capt. De Turick, £1 3 6, for Subsistence of his Company last Summer.

Capt. Mouser,	12	11	7,	for	do.
Capt. Shaffer,	1	3	4,	for	do.
Capt. Soder,	2	2	8,	for	do.
Capt. Will,	1	18	8,	for	do.
Capt. Old,	2	4		for	do.
Capt. Mouser,		9	4,	for	do.
Capt. Mouser,	3	14	6,	for	do.
Capt. Moyer,	1	13	4,	for	do.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Alex'r Tod, £722 8, for Sundry Goods deliver'd the artillery and Naval Armaments of this State, to be charg'd to the respective Captains.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, favour of Major Williams, for 1000 Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his Acco't.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay to Capt. Turbett £207 18, for retain'd Rations of his Company of Col. Watts' Batt'n of Cumberland County Militia, charge to Congress.

To Col. Watts £32 7, for Rations due the Field and Staff officers of his Batt'n, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Towers' £136 5 0, for workmen's wages in the Elaboratory, making musket Cartridges, arms purchased, &ca., £120 15 0, to be charged to Congress, & £15 10 0, for his wages from 19th December to January 19th, 31 days, to be charged to this State.

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Resolved, That Richard Dellam, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Flying Camp, be requested to pay the accounts of Subsistence of the Companies of the Flying Camp, before their march, at the rate of ten Shillings ℔ week, and a Dollar ℔ man for enlisting, and to keep a seperate account of all such, that this board may be enabled hereafter to settle the same with Congress.

Mr. Towers, the Commissary of Stores, was directed to deliver to Capt. James Crouch of the 4th Batt'n of Lancaster County Militia, the following Articles, to be charged to Major C. Cox of s'd Batt'n:

34 Guns.
35 Cartouch Boxes.
15 Canteens.
6 Knapsacks.

Resolved, That Col. Melcher, Barrack Master General, be directed to Quarter the Militia upon the Non-Associators in this City and Liberties, and on all Associators who have not served in this Winter's Campaign, the Council particularly recommend to him in Quartering them, to proportion the number to the size of the Houses and convenience of the Families.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Stewart Duncan £3 5 0, for wood for Ship Montgomery.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Christian Leary £12 12, for Boarding of men in March and April last, of Col. Miles' Batt'n.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. John Read £6 17 6, for expences in bringing wood from fort Island.

An address of the Convention of the State of New York, to their Constituents, being transmitted to the Board by Congress, with a request to get the same translated into the German Language and have a sufficient number printed,

Resolved, That Major John Hubley have the said address Translated, and get 1500 Copies Struck off in the German Language, and 1000 Copies in English.

Resolved, That the Committee for taking care of the Sick Soldiers who have arrived in this City be, and they are hereby authorized and fully empowered to take into their Possession all the Arms of the aforesaid sick, also all the Arms of those who have died in this City; all persons who shall be found secreting any Arms of the Soldiers aforesaid, or of those who have died in their Houses, will be severely dealt with by this Board.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay John Hufty £1, for fireing and lodging 3 Companies of the Berks County Militia, to be charged to Congress.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, January 23rd, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Pres't.

William Moore,	Peter Rhoads,
Joseph Dean,	William Lyon,
John Hubley,	John Bull.
Joseph Blewer,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Bickham, for 2000 Dollars, to be charged to his Acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. John Old, 125 Dollars, for a Month's Wages for one Col. & one Major, to be charged to Mr. Adam Whitman, in Reading, he to be accountable to Mr. Whitman.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Oliver £4 2 6, for dieting men of Col. Miles' Battalion, in May last.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Mr. William Coates, for £200, for Providing for sick soldiers in the Northern Liberties, to be charged to his Acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major Lewis Nicola, for £100, for the use of the City Guard, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Ensign Lawrence Oats, of Capt. Mitchel's Comp'y of 5th Batt'n York County Militia, Seven pounds & ten Shillings, for a Month's wages, he having turned into the ranks, as there was a greater number of Officers than men; to be charged to Jos Donaldson, Esq'r, York Town, Mr. Oats to be accountable to Mr. Donaldson.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following accounts, to be charged to Col. Potter, of Northumberland County:

One acco't for Blankets bo't of Sundry Persons,	£21	8 0
One do. for a Gun, Blanket, &c., bo't of Simon Hemrod,	5	2 0
One do. for a Gun bo't of Buchanan Smith,	4	0 0
One do. for a Gun bo't of Wm. Blue,	4	0 0

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John White, of Capt. McKee's Comp'y, £2, for a Quilt lost in actual service, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Sam'l Davidson £4, for 3 Blankets, for the use of his Comp'y, to be charg'd to Col. Smith, of the Bedford County Militia.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, January 24th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, Pres't.

John Bull,
Joseph Dean,
Joseph Blewer,
William Lyon,
Frederick Kuhl,
Timothy Matlack,
Jonathan B. Smith,
Andrew Caldwell,
Peter Rhoads,
Samuel C. Morris,
John Hubley.

WHEREAS several of the Militia, after receiving advance Pay, and drawing Rations, have basely deserted their Officers, and returned home, without rendering their Country the least Service, but on the Contrary, their ill example will probably produce the most fatal consequences in the Army, unless such delinquents are speedily punished; Therefore,

Resolved, That the six weeks for which the militia of the State are now called forth to serve in defence of their Country, are to Commence at and shall be accountable from the time they arrive at Head Quarters; And that such of the Militia as leave their Officers before their time of service is expired, unless they are regularly discharged, shall be advertised as Deserters, and carried back to the army, there to remain until properly discharged by the Commanding Officer, and this Board will defray all reasonable expences that may attend securing such Deserters.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Wm. Lyon, Esq'r, for 1400 Dollars, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Rob't Irwin, or order, £500, he to be accountable.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Major Geo. Stewart £41 2 2, for Subsistence of part of the 5th Batt'n of Lancaster Co. militia, for 4 weeks & 4 days, being order'd back to Lancaster to bring the rest of the Batt'n, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Geo. Stewart, Major of the 5th Batt'n of Lancaster County militia, £78 17 6, for Pay Roll of part of said Batt'n sent back from Phila. to bring the rest, to be charged to Wm. Atlee, Esq'r, to whom Major Stewart is to be accountable.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, January 25th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

SAM'L MORRIS, Sen'r, Chair'n.

Joseph Blewer,	Wm. Moore,
John Bull,	John Hubley,
Frederick Kuhl,	Peter Roads,
Jonathan Bayard Smith,	Sam'l C. Morris.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Geo. Mitchell £3 7 6, for 1 Pair of Blankets, taken by Lieut. Andrew Boyd for the use of his Comp'y of the 4th Batt'n Cumberland County militia.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Benj'n Eyre, for Two Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his Account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Nicholson £1 10 0, for a Blanket left at Princetown.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay the following acco'ts, to be charged to Congress:

Fred. Wier, £11 5 0, for riding Express to Lancaster, & £26 5 0, for 21 days' Hire of himself & Horse stationed at Trenton, in order to convey Intelligence from Head Quarters.

George Gentner, £36 5 0, for 21 day Hire of himself & Horse stationed at Frankfort, & 10 days' riding Express to other places, & attending with a Horse.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jeremiah Holden £21, for Pilotage of the Galley Convention to the Capes and back, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Joseph Blewer £100, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major James Smith, for arms & Accoutrements taken as Plunder by a Party of Rangers under his Command in New Jersey, £61 0 0.

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In Council of Safety, January 27th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Andrew Caldwell,	Wm. Lyon,
Joseph Blewer,	Wm. Moore,
Peter Rhoads,	Jno. Hubley.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Peter Dehaven & Co., for £500, to be charg'd to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Colonel John Morris, for 4000 Dollars, to be charg'd to Col. Clem't Biddle.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of David Pancoast, for 500 Dollars, for purchasing Timber for Gun Carriages, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Cooper £3, for diet & Lodging of men, and services done at making a Bridge over Pensawkin, to be charg'd to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Jas. Agnew £60 16 4, for Subsistence of his Comp'y of the 2nd Batt'n of York Co., to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Wm. Masters, Esq'r, 1500 Dollars, for the purpose of paying the militia Artillery Companies, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Nelson 16s, for Expences of escorting 13 Hessian Prisoners from Newtown, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Mercer of the 5th Batt'n Lancaster County Militia, commanded by Colo. Crawford, £38 15, for Blankets taken & apprais'd for the use of said Batt'n to be charg'd to Colo. Crawford.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Wm. Lyon, Esq'r, for 500 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Joseph Davis for £10, on acco't of wages due him as Ensign in Col. Atlee's Batt'n, to be charged to him.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Lieut. Conelly for 500 Dollars, for recruiting service for 4 Pen'a Reg't, to be charged to Col. Cadwalader.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay George Hoas £72 10, for 29 Pair Breeches.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Farmer £14 2, for Ball'e of his acco't for bringing the Hessian Prisoners to Baltimore, to be charged to Congress.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Quicksall £10 0 0, for Freight of 100 Barrels of Beef to Newport, belonging to this State, delivered to Mr. Benja. Hogeland.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jno. Congler £3 6 6, for sawing at piling 9½ Cords of wood.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Hugh Frazier £23 19 3, for Blanketing Bought of him by Colo. Watts, for the use of his Batt'n, to be charged to Colo. Watts.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay to Captain Furrey £50 0 0, and to Capt. Hederick £63 16 0, for subsistance money of their two Companies, belonging to the 3rd Battalion (of Militia) of Berks County, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Edward Stroud £44 15, for his pay as an Express, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Geo. Spangler £52 7 6, for his pay as an Express, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay to John Bray £6 5, for Horse Hire, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benjamin Davis £9 2 3, for Drums, &ca., for Atlee's Battalion, &c.

Mr. Towers was directed to Deliver Capt. Mercer, of the 5th Batt'n Lancaster County Militia, commanded by Colo. Crawford, 7 Guns with Bayonets, 12 Cartouch Boxes & 10 Canteens.

In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, January 28th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, Pres't.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

John Hubley,	John Bayard,
William Lyon,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
William Moore,	Andrew Caldwell,
Joseph Blewer,	Peter Rhoads.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Coffman £3 2 7, for expences attending sick Soldiers from Canada, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. John Harris £4 10, and Lieut. Stephen Chambers £4 10, for 2 Guns appraised by Robt. Towers, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Rich'd Dellam, Esq'r, Paymaster General of the Flying Camp, for 6000 Dollars, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Sherman and Lewis £67 18 6, for 2717 Bottoms for round shott, deliver'd Mr. Jos. Stiles at the Elaboratory, to be charged to Congress.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay Nicholas Hess £76 11 1½, for Iron work done the Philadelphia Barracks, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Ann Preston £4 4 6, for nursing, attendance, and funeral Expences of Jon'n Jones, a Sergeant in Capt. Adam Grosher's Company of Maryland Flying Camp, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the wife of Peter Clarke 14 Dollars, being 1 month's pay as Gunner on board the Vulture armed Boat Capt. Hance, he being discharged as not fit for duty.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. James Mercer of the 5th Battalion of Lancaster County, Commanded by Col'l James Crawford, £52 15 0, being a month's pay for his Company, to be charged to William Atlee of Lancaster, he to be accountable to Mr. Atlee.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Wm. Scull for one thousand Dollars, for recruiting service for 11th Penn'a Reg't, to be charged to Col. Richard Humpton.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Winey £15 0 0, for a Medicine chest bo't by Doct. Jennings for the use of the 11th Penn'a Reg't, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. James Mercer £7 8 9, for subsistance for his Company of 5th Batt'n Lancaster County militia, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Colonel John Allison £19 3 4, for mileage and subsistence of the Field and Staff Officers of his Batt'n, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robt. Towers £160 8 6, for Ball'e of his acco't of Expences in making Cartridges, men's wages in the Elaboratory, and arms purchas'd by him, to be charg'd to Congress.

Capt. Geo. May, A. May, Jon'o Weib, & Jon'n Weib, Officers of the late Flying Camp, being brought before this Board & charg'd with having left the Army before y'e 1st Jan'ry, inst, the day on w'h the term of the s'd Camp expired, & y't the s'd Capt. G. May had drawn pay for his Co. & p'd them in full, notwithstanding his Co. had quitted the service without complying w'th the terms on w'h they had rec'd a Bounty f'm this State, w'h charges the s'd Geo. May, &c, have severally confessed, protesting their Ignorance of their Duty.

Resolved, That the s'd Capt. May refund the sum of twenty shillings for each of his Men, as a third part of the Bounty Money they had rec'd; and that the said Geo. May, and A. May, &c, pay the expences that have accrued in bringing them before this Board, and be dismissed, on being reprimanded for their conduct.

Resolved, That Sam'l Morris, Joseph Blewer, and And'w Caldwell, be a Committee to Visit the State Prisoners in the New Jail, enquire & understand the cause of their Commitment, how long they have been confined, & to release such as in their discretion they shall judge ought to be released.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, January 29th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

William Moore,	Sam'l C. Morris,
William Lyon,	Peter Rhoads,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Andrew Caldwell,
Joseph Blewer,	David Rittenhouse, V. P.
John Hubley,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay D'l Dawson £11 8 6, for 74¼ lb. Stove Pipe, at 3s, bought of him by Thomas Savadge, to be charg'd to Salt Works.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Bickham, for 3000 dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Davis £112 18 2½, being the Ball'e of his acco't for Building Chevaux de Frize, &c.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. John Allison £15 15 0, for Exp's attending the Instruction of his Batt'n of Cumberland Co. Militia.

Mr. Rob't Irwin was directed to pay Hugh McCormick £20 5, for his pay as Waggon Master, from the 26th ult'o until the 22 Inst, a 15s, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Huddell £28 4, for Expences attending the Building of the Galley Convention.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Mich'l Boyer £30, for his Wages as an Express, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Gen'l Roberdeau £5, for a Fuzee and Bayonet, deliv'd Rob't Towers last June.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Colmore Beans £11 5, for his attendance in the Continental Hospital from the 6th Dec'r to the 6th Jan'ry, a 7s 6, to be charged to Congress; And to pay Dan'l Dougherty £11 5, for his attendance in the Continental Hospital from the 6th Dec'r to the 6th Jan'ry, a 7s 6, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the Field Officers of the 2nd Batt'n of Bedford County, £207 12 6, for arms and Blankets, purchas'd by s'd Field Officers for the use of their Batt'n, to be charged to Col. Smith.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jos. Finaver £18 3 4, for 1096 Straps, delivered into the Elaboratory, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jos. Finaver £30 18 9, for Tubes and Straps, deliver'd Benj'n Loxley at the Elaboratory.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Byers £13, for 1 month's pay of 5 men join'd his Co, of the 5th Batt'n of Lancaster Co. Militia, said Capt. Byers to be accountable to Mr. Wm. Attlee.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay the Committee of Bedford County £19, for Expences of said Committee, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Col. Thomas Smith £42, for arms taken & apprais'd in Bedford County, from Non-associators in the District of the first Batt'n of s'd County, to be charg'd to Colonel Wood.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Bickham £2000, to be charged to his account.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Moses Myers £1950 13 6, for Cloths and Ticklinburgs, bought of Isaac Moses.

Rob't Irwin, Esq'r, was directed to pay Rich'd Deamond £15 15, for Service done as Waggon Master, f'n 30th Nov'r last, a 15s.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Wm. Gray, for 200 Dollars, for the recruiting Service, he to be accountable.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. James Parr, of the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Colonel Hand, 200 Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of William Lyon, Esq'r, for 500 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, January 30th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Wm. Moore,	Jno. Hubley,
Joseph Blewer,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Wm. Lyon,
Andrew Caldwell,	John Bayard.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Roberts £93 0 8, for making amunition Boxes, &ca., to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Colonel Humpton Two Thousand Dollars, for recruiting service.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jos. Finaver £18 3 4, for Tin Strops delivered into the Elaboratory. Also, £30 18 9, for Tin Tubes, &ca., delivered to Maj'r Loxley, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lewis Grant £7 15 0, for Gun Ladles for the Fort.

An order was sent to Hayman Levy, to make up an assortment of articles fit for a Treaty with 70 Indians, (exclusive of women & children,) he accordingly pack'd up the following Goods, for which a receipt was given by the Secretary:—9,600 White Wampum,

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20,500 Black Wampum, 30 Moons & 30 Hair Pipes of Conk Shell, 6 Pair arm Bands, 12 Gordiots, 100 Broaches, 37 Pair Ear Bobs, all of Silver, which w'th 15 Camp Kettles, were this day forwarded to Cols. Bull & Dean, Commissioners on the part of this Council, at Easton.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of David Jackson, for 2,500 Dollars, for the payment of the 2nd Batt'n of Phil'a Militia.

Resolved, That the Officers of the Troops raised in this State for the Continental service, who are now prisoners with the Enemy, shall retain their rank according to their several Commissions, and be entitled to pay and Rations the same as if they were in actual service, and when exchanged, to be provided for.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Tho's Burrees £1 0 0, for hawling plank, &ca., to penawkin Creek Bridge, to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, January 31st, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Pres't.

John Hubley,	David Rittenhouse,
Joseph Blewer,	Wm. Lyon,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Sam'l C. Morris.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Adam Louderslayer £1 10, for 2 Week's board and lodging of Lamv't Talbert, of Capt. Hindman's Comp'y of Maryland, who fell sick on the road going towards Camp, to be charg'd to Congress.

Capt. Geo. Bickham to pay Capt. Stephen Balliet £4 2 2, being so much not carried out in acco't for expences apprehending disaffected persons in Northampton County, to be charged to Wm. Thomas, Philip Moses & others.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Arthur Donaldson £32 3 11½, for Expences attending the raising Chevaux de Frize.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Thomas Adams £6, for attendance on the Council and making out a Duplicate for South Ward, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay John White 15s for a Blanket, Dav'd Montgomery £3 15, and John Bray £1 12 6, for 4 Blankets.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wheeler and Wiley £77 1 6, for Iron work done the Piers on Fort Island.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Geo. Matthews £2 17 0, for subsistence of his Company, of Col. Ja's Armstrong's Batt'n of Cumberland Co. Militia.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Colonel Geo. Nagle, 2,000 Dollars, for the recruiting service of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, to be charged to his acco't

Resolved, That James Hunter be appointed Paymaster to the fourth Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Colonel Lambert Cadwalader, and his Com'n was delivered to Col. Cadwalader, dated this day.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay the following accounts of Subsistence Money, for the 5th Batt'n of Cumberland County Militia, to be charged to Congress, viz't:

Capt. Cha's Maclay,	£20	4, being for 7 days of his Company.
" Samuel Patton,	20	4, for 9 days.
Lieut. John Rea,	18	14, for 11 days.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Major Latcha for one month's pay of 2 Companies of Col. Tim'y Green's Batt'n of Lancaster County, viz: Captains Ropenhever & Stoner—2 Captains, 3 Lieut'nants, 5 Serjeants, 4 Drummers & Fifers, 44 Privates.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Jos. Moulder £17 5 0, for expences of Medecines & attendance on two men of his Company, wounded at the engagement at Princetown.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Lee £21 5 0, for arms & accoutrements delivered to Col. Hunter of Northumberland County, to be charged to the Colonel.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Porter of Lancaster County £50 4 9, for milage of 3 Companies of his Battalion marching to this City in August last.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Colonel Arch'd Lockry of Col. John Proctor's Battalion of Westmoreland Militia, for four Hundred pounds, for advanced money and subsistance for said Battalion now on their march, to Head Quarters, to be by him paid to Colonel Proctor, to be charged to John Moore, Esq'r, to whom Col. Proctor is to be accountable.

Resolved, That Enoch Wright be appointed adjutant to the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, Commanded by Colonel Jos. Penrose.

Resolved, That Doct'r Dunlap be allowed Two Shillings and six pence ℔ day, in addition to his former pay, in Consequence of his being to keep a Horse to transact his Business.

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In Council of Safety, February 1st, 1777.

PRESENT:

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Hubley,
Wm. Moore,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Joseph Blewer,	Wm. Lyon.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Peter Dehaven £11 5 0, for 2 muskets delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Dehaven was directed to order one Ton of Powder, now Under the care of a Mr. Todd, near the white Horse, belonging to this State, to Lancaster.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Peter Dehaven £36 15 0, for 3 months' Superintendance of the Gunlock Factory, ending 20 January, & Horse hire for one month, & Mr. James Carter £29 5 0, for 3 month's Superintending said factory, ending 20th January.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Isaac Powell £6 0 0, for a nest of Drawers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Simon Murray & Co £27 5 8, for Tin Tubes & Straps for Elaboratory, delivered.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay John Stille £27 10 6, for making 106 Jackets with sleeves, thread & Buttons.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Wm. Thompson £27 9, for subsistence of a detatchment of his Company of the 5th Batt'n of Cumberland County Militia.

In Council of Safety, February 3rd, 1777.

PRESENT:

SAM'L MORRIS, Sen'r, Chair'n.

John Bayard,	Sam'l C. Morris,
John Hubley,	Wm. Lyon,
Jas. Blewer,	Geo. Gray.
Wm. Moore,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Alex'r Boyd £3 10 0, for horse hire & traveling Expences going to Schrewsberry to get intelligence of the enemys' movements in November last, (charged to Congress.)

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Boggs £5 10, for a Rifle Gun for the use of the 5th Batt'n of Cumberland County Militia, to be charg'd to Col'l Armstrong.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doct'r Jas. Dunlap £53 13 10, for Sundries for the Fleet, &c.

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Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Dorington Wilson £8 18, for 7 Blankets.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel Melcher, 1,000 Dollars, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Myers £21 12, for Blacksmith's Work done at the Shop under his direction.

A Commission was this day delivered to Col. Gurney for Mr. Henry Stites, as Quarter Master of the 11th Pennsylva'a Reg't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major William £86 17 6, for his pay since Oct'r last, £43 15 of w'h to be charg'd to Congress, & £43 2 6 to this State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Colonel Omas Mackay £1993 14 6, for arms for the use of his Regiment.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Abram Mason £26 10, for work done in the Elaboratory, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That as several matters of Business and accounts came before the Council on Saturday, the first Instant, w'h appeared necessary to be passed, but as during the whole day a Quorum of Council did not appear at the Board; The Board having at this time taken the same into consideration, do approve of the said several matters and accounts, and now ratify the same.

Resolved, That John Seley be appointed an Ensign in the 12th Reg't, commanded by Colonel Wm. Cook.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Geo. Esterly £8 8 6, for Iron work done the Galley Convention.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Nevil £200, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Lumsden £29 10, for Wood taken from him by force by the Militia, and sworn to before James Young, Esq'r, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Jewel £219 19 9, for Diet of sundry Prisoners, £216 1 2 of w'h to be charg'd to Congress, and £3 18 7 to this State, for Major Proctor's men.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Benj. Bird, for 1,000 Dollars, for the recruiting service of Colonel Lamb't Cadwallader's Regiment, to be charg'd to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Lieut. Wm. Henderson, for 500 Dollars, for the recruiting service of the 4th Pennsylvania Reg't, to be charged to

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Guy £3, for 3 Trips of a Cart and 3 horses, with Provisions for the Arnold Floating Battery.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Jeremiah Tolbert, 250 Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to Colonel Irwin of the 7th Reg't.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, February 4th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	William Lyon,
Joseph Blewer,	Geo. Gray,
John Hubley,	David Rittenhouse.
William Moore,	

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Robt. Elder £4 5, for 3 Blankets, and Gillespie £1, for 1 Blanket.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. William Chambers £49 10 0, for subsistance of his Company of 1st Batt'n Cumberland County, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Steels for subsistance of his Company of 1st Batt'n Cumberland County, £63 0 0, to be charged to Congress.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay John Mitchell, Esq'r, Fifteen Hundred Pounds, & charge the same to his acco't.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver to the Hon'ble Marine Committee of Congress, so much copper as may be necessary to make a Kettle for the Delaware Frigate, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Towers £223 18 10, for men's wages in working in the Elaboratory, making musket Cartridges, arms Purchased, &ca., to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Steel, the Ball'e of his Acco't for Iron Work done the Delaware Galley.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Paine Newman £37 3 10, for Nails deliver'd Capt'n Rice and William.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major James Dill £3 16 4, for subsistence of Col. Math'w Dill's 5th Batt'n of York Co.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Catharine Graff £18 6 2, for subsistence of part of the 5th Batt'n of York Co. Militia.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Cap'n Francis Nichols, for Five Hundred Dollars, for recruiting service, to be charged to his acco't.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Col. Joseph Armstrong £18 0 0, for Expences for Bringing out his Battalion, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Messrs. William Moore, George Gray & Sam'l Morris, Sen'r, or any two of them be appointed to examine and settle the acco't of Capt. George Bickham, for monies received and expended by order of this Board, and the Goods received and de-

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livered out and remaining in the hands of the said Capt. Bickham as Public property, & make report thereof to Council.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Edward McLees £63 18 1½, for Boarding the Sick at the Hospital on Province Island, from December 13 to Jan'y 7th, 1777.

In Council of Safety, February 5th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Joseph Blewer,	George Gray,
John Hubley,	Wm. Lyon.
Wm. Moore,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Connelly, for 300 Dollars, for the recruiting Service of the 4th Pennsylvania Reg't, to be charg'd to Col. Cadwallader.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Litle £9 9 0, for nails, &ca. for Fort Island.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Duncan £2 15 2, for wood for the Ship Montgomery.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Martin Wirt, for one Hundred and fifty Pounds, being for the Shallop bought of him for the use of this State.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Lt. Col. Jas. Johnston £7 13 4, for subsistance of himself, &c, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Stuart £43 7 3, for Carriage of Powder & Lead to Westmoreland County.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. John Jacks £6 0 0, for Subsistance of 6 men of his Comp'y from Cumberland Co'y to this City.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Fleming £74 18 2, for Balance of his acco't for Cloths, &ca., Bo't by order of the Council.

Two orders were drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Wm. Henderson and Mr. Alex'r Huston, (Ensigns of the Pennsylv'a Musquetry, commanded by Col. Attlees,) for 30 Dollars each, on acco't of their pay.

Resolved, That a Captain and Company of the Pennsylvania Regiment, with 2 Pieces of Cannon, be sent into New Jersey, for the protection of the Salt Works erected there at the expence of this State.

In order to discourage the practice of inventing and propogating false reports, to the disadvantage of our public affairs,

Resolved, That the acknowledgement signed by John Carnan & Joseph Emlin, be published in Mr. Town's evening post.

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In Council of Safety, February 6th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	George Gray,
Wm. Lyon,	Andrew Caldwell,
Sam'l C. Morris,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bayard,	John Hubley.
Jonathan B. Smith,	

Resolved, That application be made to the Honorable Congress for Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of recruiting and defraying other necessary public expences.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Fulton £18 17 6, for Halling Cannon, &ca. to State House yard, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Simpson 11s 7, for sundries for use of Schooner Lydia at Trenton.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Holmes £43 15, for 50 Cutlasses at 7s 6, deliver'd Rob't Towers.

The following Letter was wrote to Messrs. Josiah Hewes, Andrew Tybout & Robert Tuckness:

"Sir:

"You are hereby requested to supply all sick Soldiers coming from N York or the Camp, who may be going to the Southward or Westward, with such necessaries and assistance as you may think requisite to support and enable them to return to their respective Homes."

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Rich'd Dellam, Esq'r, D. P. M'r Gen'l, Ten Thousand Dollars, to be charg'd to his acco't.

Resolved, That Jacob Meyers, Armourer and Blacksmith at Fort Island, be allow'd nine Pounds ℔ month, from the first day of February Instant.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Andrew Lytle £6 14 3, for a Rifle lost in actual Service, & Expences in bringing a number of Sick from Thomson's Mill to Philad'a, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Magee £15 15, for his Expences from Somerset County, being wounded, to be charg'd to Congress.

Resolved, That a Powder Magazine of the dimentions of 24 feet by 36, & other Military Store Houses, be built in or near the Borough of Lancaster, for the use of this State; and that John Hubley, Commissary, provide materials, employ Workmen, and see the same finished with all possible dispatch, and that Major John Hubley take up on ground Rent, or purchase, such grounds as are necessary for the said Buildings.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Major Percifor Fraizier, for 1000 Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charg'd to Col. Anthony Wayne.

Resolved, That a Regiment of Artillery be raised for the defence of this State, to consist of

One Colonel,
One Lieutenant Colonel,
One Major,
Eight Captains,
Eight first Lieutenants,
Eight second Lieutenants.
Eight Lieutenant Fireworkers,
One Paymaster,
One Quarter Master,
One Surgeon,
One Surgeon's Mate,
One Serjeant Major,
One Drum Major,
One Fife Major,
One Quarter Mast'r Sergeant,
Thirty-two Serjeants.
Thirty-two Corporals,
Eight Drummers,
Eight Fifers,
Twelve Musicians,
Four Hundred and eighty Privates.

Resolved, That Thomas Proctor, Esq'r, be appointed Colonel of said Regiment.

Resolved, That Mr. John Read, Barrack Master at Fort Island, be allowed ten Pounds ℔ month from the first day of January last.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doctor Henry Buck £19 3 6, for Cash advanced to the sick of the 1st & 2nd Batt'ns of Pennsylv'a Rifle Reg't, & Col. Atlee's, at Easton, to be charg'd to Congress.

Resolved, That James Young and Jacob Shriner, Esquires, two of the Justices of the Peace for this State, examine before them certain Persons committed to the Gaol of this City, on suspicion of having Stolen a Sum of money, &c., of Mr. Stephen Lowry, Commissary, and that the said Stephen Lowry make such proof and produce any Evidences he can before the said Justice, in respect of the said Money lost by him, and found on the said Prisoners, or any of them, in order to ascertain the property of the said Money, and that the said Justices make Report to this Board.

Mr. Jewel was directed to deliver the Hessian & Waldecker Prisoners in his Custody, to the Order of Colonel Isaac Melcher.

Major Williams, of the Pennsylv'a State Reg't, having this morning given in his Resignation, was accepted of.

Resolved, That Lewis Farmer be appointed first Major in the Pennsylvania State Regiment, and Captain Francis Murray 2nd Major.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, February 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

William Lyon,	Joseph Marsh,
Timothy Matlack,	Geo. Gray,
Joseph Blewer,	Sam'l C. Morris,
John Bayard,	Andrew Caldwell.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. John Nixon, £2500, to be charged to his acco't, for paying the Militia.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capts. Roach, McFitrum & Watkins £69 13 0, for wages for working at Chevaux de Frize.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Martin Murphy £3 15 0, for expences attending a Soldier while sick, & funeral Expences.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Dunn and Hale £29 11 3, for a Barge and Oars, &c., for Capt. Rice.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Eleanor Hart £192 13 5, for Board and Lodging of Men belonging to the Artillery of this State.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John McFattick, for £1 8 6, being Cash advance to Lieut. Spur as a Spy, to gain Intelligence, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Col. George Nagle, for 1500 Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charg'd to Colonel Nagle.

Resolved, That application be made to the Honorable House of Assembly to Borrow the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, to be returned out of the first Money the Council may receive from Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Michael Boyer £8 15 0, for distributing Gen'l Washington's Proclamations in New Jersey, 7 days, at 25s.

William Hartshorne, of the State of New Jersey, being sent to the State (among others) as a Person Inimical to the United States of America, The Board, taking into Consideration the Memorial of the s'd Wm. Hartshorne, and a Letter of Mr. Charles Pettit, dated Haddenfield, February 6th Inst., directed to the said Hartshorne, are of opinion that the said Wm. Hartshorne be discharged from his Recognizance to this State, (no proof having appeared against him to impeach him in any sort,) and that the case of the said Wm. Hartshorne be refer'd to the Governour & Council of the State of New Jersey.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, February 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

JOHN HUBLEY, Chairman,

John Bayard,	Joseph Blewer,
Andrew Caldwell,	Wm. Lyon,
Sam'l C. Morris,	Wm. Moore.

Capt. G. Bickham was directed to pay Nicholas Weaver £23 16 0, for making 102 Jackets, &ca.

Mr. John Wilcox was directed to pay to Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, £150 19 4, being the ballance of his account, as settled this day.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Wm. Richards, for £600, being in part of Balance due him on his acco't d'd 3rd Inst., to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Dallam was requested to pay Capt. Schmizer, of the Flying Camp, £50 0 0, and charge the same to his acc't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn by Mr. Thomas Savadge on Messrs. Geo. Clymer, Sam'l Howell, & Owen Biddle, in fav'r of Mr. Joseph Salter, for £600, & Charge the same to Mr. Savadge.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Offley & Son £57 5 8, for an Anchor & Comboose, the Galley Commanded by Capt. Henderson.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Hall £49 7, for sandry Arms collected in the Middle Ward of Germantown.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. George Pierce £3 9 9, for repairing Arms, &ca.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Sephus Bartleson £5 7 10, for Diet of Militia, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Geo. Bickham, for two Hundred pounds, to be charged to his Acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel John Proctor, for £300, to be charged to his acco't.

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PHILADELPHIA, February 10th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

John Bayard,	William Lyon,
Joseph Blewer,	Jonathan B. Smith,
Andrew Caldwell,	John Hubley.

An order was sent Mr. Towers, to deliver John Pringle & Co. 50 Hand Grenadoes, to be charged to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Colonel Humpton, for 2000 Dollars, for the Recruiting service, he to be accountable.

An order was drawn on Robert Towers to deliver Messrs. Mease & Caldwell one Block of Tin, they paying for the same.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Stephen Bayard, for 1000 Dollars, for recruiting service for 3rd Pen'a. Reg't, to be charged to Colonel Joseph Wood.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. John Carrothers £12, for subsistence and Ferriage of 4 men of his Comp'y of the 1st Batt'n of Cumberland County Militia, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Ja's M'Cormick, Gunsmith, £2 11, for repairs of Guns.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James & Drinker £36 14, for 170 Iron Kettles, for the use of Col. Miles' Batt'n while at Marcus Hook.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Murphy £105 13 6, for his pay and Expences attending his Boat until 7th Feb'y, Inst.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Hand, of the Flying Camp, £11, for 11 Blankets delivre'd Col. Humpton, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Hazlewood was informed that Capt. Dan'l Murphy is this day reinstated in his former command, agreeable to his Commission.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Wm. Cowan £13 8 3, for Sundry Accoutrements deliver'd into the Public Stores at Amboy, to be charg'd to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Peter Dehaven & Co. for £500, to be charged to their Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Van Campen £1 19, for 3 days' employment to the Camp, and Expences, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Edward Laskey, Henry Schriver and Peter Summers, Butchers, be allow'd three Pounds 9 Hund. for the Beef they have contracted to supply Mr. John Mitchell, Commissary of

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the Navy and Artillery of this State, from this date until the 10th of March.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Charles Leeper 20s, for Subsistance of one man of his company, from Cumberland County, to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety,

PHILAD'A, February 11th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Jon'a B. Smith,
Andrew Caldwell,
Sam'l C. Morris,
Wm. Lyon,
Joseph Blewer,
John Bayard,
John Hubley,
John Bull,
Owen Biddle.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Col. Isaac Melcher for 3000 Dollars, to be charg'd to his acco't.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Chas. Leiper £1, for subsistence of One man from Cumberland County, of the 3d Batt'n, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Simon Coal £15 2 0, for 5 Guns and one Blanket, to be charged to Col. James Murray of Northumberland County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Grub £64 7 6, for Boat hire, &ca., for the use of the Garrison at Fort Island.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mordecai McKinney £31 2 6, for arms, &ca., purchased in Northumberland County.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour John Hart, £318 0 0, for 106 Sailor's Jackets.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Robert Culbertson £9 7 0, for expences in raising his Company & afterwards countermanded, to be charged to Congress, and Mr. Nesbitt to pay him £69 7 6, for 15 muskets & Riffles deliv'd to Mr. Towers, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Charles Leeper £3 0 0, for Expences in raising his Company, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. James Carnahan £3 0 0, for Expences in

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Thomas Nevill, for £200, to be charg'd to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Nevill £80 5 7, for Pine and Cedar Boards.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers £146 18 8, for Men's Wages in working in the Elaboratory, & other incidental Charges, to be charged to Congress.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Simon Venersdelen £2 14, for subsistence of his Co. of Col. Macpherson's Batt'n of York County Militia, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Geo. Will £1 7, for Subsistence of his Comp'y to Camp, to be charg'd to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Capt. Rob't Shannon £11 6 8, for Exp's in raising his Comp'y, and pay of his Lieutenant and Ensign.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Major Hubley £16 12 6, for 25 Pair Hose @ 13s. 6.

In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, February 12th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President,

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Samuel Cad. Morris,
John Bull,
Joseph Blewer,
Jonathan B. Smith,
Andrew Caldwell,
William Lyon,
John Hubley.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Lieut. Col. George Nagle for £400, for the Recruiting Service, he to be accountable.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Plunket Fleeson £24 8 5, for the amo't of his acco't of Drums & Colours, &c., furnish'd Lieut. Col. Antes.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Jacob Hendershat for £50, towards a month's pay advance for his Company, to be charged to David Espey, Esq'r, the Capt. to be accountable to Mr. Espey.

Mr. Towers was order'd to deliver to Capt. Jacob Hendershat, of Col. Woods' Batt'n from Bedford county, 3 Guns, 7 Shot Bags & Powderhorns, and 2 Blankets for the use of his Company.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Sam'l Mifflin, Esq'r, £453 14 0, for 349 Musket Locks.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Richard Dellam, Esq'r, for 5000 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Rich'd Dermond, Waggon Master, for 14 days' service, a 15s. p day, £10 10 0, to be charged to Congress.

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Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay James Eggerton £15 0 0, for going express to Northumberland County, 12 days.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the widow of Thomas Rogers £5 10 0, for a Gun and Blanket lost on Long Island, Rogers being a Soldier, belonging to Capt. Peeblee's Comp'y.

Captain Morton Garrett this day came before the Board and Resigned his Commission as Captain of the Pennsylv'a State Reg't, which was accepted of.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Philip Mans £3 15, for 10 days' attendance as Constable.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A., February 13th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Bull,
Andrew Caldwell,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Geo. Gray,	William Lyon.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Sam'l Samson £8 15 6, or 13 y'ds Swanskin.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Galagher £12 18, for 21½ y'ds Blanketing, for the use of Col. Watts' Batt'n, to be charged to the Colonel.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Evins £58 8, for Smith work done the Gun Carriages, to be charg'd to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. Jacob Lawes Wiler be appointed paymaster of the Pennsylvania State Regiment, with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Joseph Hart £77 19 6, for sundry Expences, £4 8 6 of w'h to be charg'd to Congress, £3 8 to be charg'd to this State, & £70 8 to be charg'd to Col. Harts.

Resolved, That Messrs. Andrew Caldwell, Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, Emanuel Eyres, Paul Cox, & Robert Ritchie, be appointed to act as a Navy Board, and be authorized to take under their care all the Vessells of War, Armed Boats, fire-ships, fire-Rafts, &ca., Constructed for the defence of this City by Water, and do furnish them with everything necessary to attack or repel the Enemy. To provide and to have a general superintendance of the Stores necessary for their department; to prepare and keep in a proper state of defence the Fortifications on Fort Island; To examine the river Channel, and to Cause Chevaux-de-Frise to be sunk in such places as they may Judge proper, to obstruct the passage of the Enemies' Ships:

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And, That for the above purposes they, or any three of them, have full power to act, and to draw orders on the Treasurer of this Board for such sums as may be necessary, subject always to the direction & control of the Council.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Hoster £6 2 0, for two Guns and one Blanket.

Capt. Geo. Bickham was directed to pay Mr. William Evans £41 8 10½ for Blankets, Stockings, &ca.

The following Letter was wrote to James Young & Jacob Schriner, Esq'rs, Vist:

"Gentlemen:

As it appears That Joseph Atkinson was Privy to the Robery committed by Nilnet and Mahony, shared the money with them, and very probably has it in his power to give information concerning the remainder of the money, not yet discovered, which he refuses to do; You are, therefore, hereby directed and required to commit the said Joseph Atkinson to Close Confinement in the Common Jail of this City, until further orders from this Board, or untill he be discharged by a due course of Law.

"By order of Council,

"Sign'd THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Pres't."

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doct'r Beanes £11 5 0, for a month's attendance in the General Hospital, & £13 5 0 to Doct'r Bowie, for a month's attendance & Lint, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Jn'o Jameson £13 16 4, for 2 days' Wages to His Company, when ordered to march to this City & countermanded, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Major Coomb £75 10 6, for subsistance of himself, Major Ciana, a Capt. & 23 men of Col. Wood's Battalion, Bedford County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Rosbothem £9 5 0, for Riding Express to Bucks & Northampton Countys, with Letters to the Colonels of the different Battalions of Militia, to make a return of the Public Arms, &ca.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, February 14th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Pres't.

David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Blewer,
Wm. Moore,	Jon'a B. Smith,
Sam'l C. Morris,	John Bayard,
John Bull,	Wm. Lyon.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Herculus Courtney £10 18 0, for recruiting expences for Penn'a Artillery.

Mr. Joseph Ferree was directed to deliver Doct'r Wm. Smith 200 lb. Salt Petre.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Lewis £40 18 0, for 1636 Bottoms for Shott, delivered at the Elaboratory.

Resolved, That Doct'r Abel Morgan be appointed Surgeon of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment, Commanded by Colonel Rich'd Humpton, in the room of Doct'r Mich'l Jennings, Resigned.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, February 15th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Sam'l C. Morris,
George Gray,	Jonathan B. Smith,
John Bull,	William Moore,
Joseph Marsh,	William Lyon,
Joseph Blewer,	John Bayard.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Shoemaker £7 19 0, for nursing a sick Soldier, belonging to Col. Haslet's reg't of Delaware State, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. Andrew Epple be appointed Paymaster to the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, in the room of , who has never attended his duty, therefore Superceeded.

Resolved, That Mr. Enoch Morgan be appointed Paymaster to the Sixth Pen'a Regiment, Commanded by Col. Rob't Magaw.

Resolved, That applications for Offices in the Pennsylvania Regiments now raising for the Continental Service, will be received until Monday the 24th Instant, when this Board will certainly proceed to fill up the Vacancies still remaining.

All Officers already appointed in the above Regiments, who are not on Command, are required forthwith to repair to their duty.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Joseph Stiles £175 11 8, for Work done in the Elaboratory, and his pay from the 30th Nov'r to the 10th Feb'y inst, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, Mr. Benjamin Rittenhouse be allowed £350 ℔ annum for superintending the Public Gun lock Manufactory, to commence the 20th November last.

WHEREAS, The Honorable Congress has authorized and directed this Council to erect a Fortification at Billingsport, for the defence and security of the City and Harbour of Philadelphia, part of which Work has already been carried on under the direction of this Board; and as it is necessary that some proper person be appointed not only to superintend the said Works, but to command such parties, whether regular Soldiers, Militia, or others, as may be employed to compleat and defend them; therefore,

Resolved, That John Bull, Esq'r, be appointed Colonel Commandant of the Fortifications at Billingsport and Superintendant of the Works; and that all Officers, and others, employed in erecting or defending the same, do pay due obedience to his Commands until the Works are compleated, or further orders given by this Board, or other proper authority.

Resolved, That Blathwaite Jones, Esq'r, be appointed Chief Engineer at Billingsport, with the Rank, Pay, and Rations of a Lieu't Colonel; and all Officers and Soldiers under his Command, as well as Workmen employ'd there, are to obey him as such, until the Fortifications at that place are compleated, or until it shall be otherwise ordered by proper authority.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Samuel Smith £13 1, for his services in collecting Arms, Shoes, Stockings, &c.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Jones £5 18 3, for Diet and Lodging, and other Expences attending 2 Sick Soldiers of Col. Miles' Reg't, to be charg'd to Congress. Also to pay said Jones £4 11 4, for Expences attending 2 other Sick Soldiers of said Reg't, to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, February 17th, 1777.

PRESENT:

OWEN BIDDLE, Chairman.

Sam'l Cad. Morris,	Andrew Caldwell,
Joseph Blewer,	John Bayard,
William Lyon,	Joseph Marsh,
William Moore,	Geo. Gray.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Brittingham Dickeson's order of £23 17 6, for Waggon hire, for bringing up Cash from Baltimore, to be charged to Congress.

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Mr. Dellam was directed to pay Major James Smith £26 5, for his pay for 1 month's and 12 days, as Major, Commanding a Ranging Party.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. William Cook £6 10, for 4 Blankets, for the use of the 12th Pennsylv'a Reg't, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Henry McKinley £51, for Blankets purchas'd by him for his Comp'y of the 12th Pennsylv'a Reg't, to be charged to Congress.

Captain Bickham was Order'd to deliver Lieutenant Finlay for five men of the Pennsylv'a State Reg't, recruited by him, viz: 5 Coats, 5 Jackets, 5 Shirts, 5 Pair Breeches, 5 Pair Shoes & Stockings, 5 Caps, and 5 Blankets.

Resolved, That in Consequence of advice from Thomas Savadge, at the Pennsylvania Salt Works on Tom's River, of a design of the Enemy against those works, and of a Letter from Rob't Morris, Esq'r, one of the members of Congress, recommending it to the attention of this Council, The armed boat called the Delaware, under the Command of Richard Eyre, Esq'r, be immediately fitted out and ordered to proceed, with all expedition, to the said Works, there to remain for the defence thereof, untill further orders from this Board.

An order was drawn on Capt. Bickham, in favour of Capt. Hercules Courtney, for the amo't of his acco't, £17 12 9, for sundry Exp's for the Artillery.

In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, 18th February, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

John Bull,	Joseph Marsh,
Geo. Gray,	Jonathan B. Smith,
William Lyon,	Owen Biddle,
Sam'l Cad. Morris,	Andrew Caldwell.
Joseph Blewer,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Colonel Jost Trisbach £27 17 7, for his trouble and Expences in forming and attending his Batt'n of Militia of Northampton County, And expediting the March of the Companies of the Flying Camp, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers £93 19, for the amo't of his weekly acco't of the purchase of Arms, &c., and work done in the Elaboratory, to be charged to Congress.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Josiah Wood £99, for 300 Pikes deliver'd Rob't Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Haulere 70 Dollars, to provide for 4 Indians, on their way to Maryland, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay John Kerlin £11 11 3, for subsistence of different Parties of the Continental Troops, Flying Camp and Militia, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Kerlin, for £30, to be charged to John Moore, Esq'r, of Westmoreland County, to whom Lieut. Col. Lockry is to Account, being Cash lent s'd Col. Lockry by John Kerlin, for the subsistence of that Batt'n on their March, the Cash provided the Contractors not being sufficient.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain John Arndt £334 18, for amount of arms & Accoutrements, being private Property, and lost in actual Service in the two Engagements on Long Island & Fort Washington, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Dan'l McDonald, for five Pounds, to enable him to return home to Lake Superiour, he being a disabled Soldier come from Camp, to be charg'd to Congress.

Capt. Bickham was directed to pay Rowland Pritchett £1 17 6, for 5 Flax Seed Casks.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Jervis £11 17 9, for Expences in bringing Prisoners from Bucks County.

In Council of Safety, February 19th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Andrew Caldwell,
William Moore,	John Bull,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Marsh,
Geo. Gray,	Peter Rhoads,
Sam'l C. Morris,	Wm. Lyon.
Joseph Blewer,	

Capt. George Bickham was directed to pay Mr. Claypoole £20, for the purpose of providing Shirts, &ca.

Resolved, That Messrs. William Pollard, Samuel Massey, Thomas Barclay, & William Bradford, be added to the Navy Board.

An order was drawn in favour of Elias Botner for £7 2 6, on J. M. Nesbit.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Henry Hagenbuck £389 6, for amount of arms & accoutrements of his Company, being Private Property, and lost in actual Service on Long Island.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to the order of the Navy Board 150 three Pound Shott, to be charged to Congress.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay John Hart, Esq'r, £19 17 4, for repairing arms in Bucks County, & £3 0 0, for a Gun.

Resolved, That Joseph Hart & Henry Wynkoop, Esq'rs, and Mr. Richard Gibbs, be requested to repair immediately to the House of Isaac Hicks, Late Clerk of the Court for Bucks County, and there take possession of all the public papers & Records that may be in his Possession; they are also requested to collect together and Examine all the Books and records that formerly were in the care of said Hicks, place the same in the Office built for the use of said County to keep their Publick Books and Papers in, making a report to this Board of their proceedings, and in what State they find said Books and Papers, particularly if any are missing; The Keys of the Office to be left in the Hands of Henry Wynkoop, Esq'r, untill further orders.

Resolved, That the public Office in Newtown, in the County of Bucks, now made use of as a magazine for Powder & other Warlike Stores, be immediately cleared, in order to receive the Books, records, and Publick Papers belonging to said County; & Messrs. Hart, Wynkoop, & Gibbs, are hereby requested to order said Office cleared, & to deposit said Books, Records, & Papers in the public Office aforesaid.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Corgee £33 3 0, for Iron work for Gun Carriages for the Ship Montgomery.

In Council of Safety, February 20th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bayard,	Andrew Caldwell,
Peter Rhoads,	John Bull,
William Moore,	George Gray,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l C. Morris.
Jonathan B. Smith,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to John Watson, for dressing the wounds of men of armed Boats in May last, £1 4 0.

Captain Bickham was directed to pay And'w Burkart £259 7, for 247 Pair of Shoes @ 21s.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Ebenezer Lundy £151 16, for 258 Cartouch Boxes delivered Mr. Towers, @ 12s.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benj. Yard £110 17, for Repairs of arms done for the 2nd Battalion of Philad'a County.

The following is a List of Shot ordered to be cast by Mr. James Old for the Service this State, vizt:

4,000	Round Shot	for 9	pounders.
4,000	do.	6	p'rs.
6,000	do.	4	p'rs.
8,000	do.	3	p'rs.
1,500	do.	2	p'rs.
20	Barr Shot	for 32	p'r.
80	do.	24	p'r.
740	do.	18	p'r.
360	do.	9	p'r.
100	do.	12	p'r.
160	do.	4	p'r.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Rhoads, Esq'r, £3 13 0, for two Blankets, to be charged to Col. Henry Geiger, of Northampton County.

Mr. Robt. Towers was directed to deliver Col. Walton of Georgia, 204 shot for 18 p'rs, 156 do for 12 p'rs, and 200 do. for 9 p'rs, he paying for the same.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Elias Botner £4 8 0, for 22 Drag Ropes, delivered to David Pancoast, to be charged to Congress.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to continue George Smith, a Seamen that lost his hearing on board the armed Boat Hancock, Capt. Moore, on half pay, 'till further orders.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Hilton £8 8 0, for four Guns delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Joseph Watkins £19 15 4, for his Wages, &c., as an Express, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major Lewis Farmer £9 8 10, for his Expences in conducting the Hessian Paymaster to Baltimore, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Mr. James Old or order 400 w't of Gun powder to prove Cannon.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, February 21st, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Pres't.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Sam'l C. Morris,
John Bull,	William Lyon,
Peter Rhoads,	Jonathan. B. Smith.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay William Armstrong £24, for his wages and expences in removing Stores from Billingsport to Philad'a and Lancaster, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Elmslie £46 7 6, for turning, 855 molds for Grape shott, &c., to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Frederick Weir £13 5, for his wages as an Express to York and Cumberland Counties, with Circular Letters to the Commanding Officers of the Militia, to make a return of the Public arms and accoutrements, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doct'r Story Steward, of the Pennsylvania Hospital, £90 10, for Board, &c., of sick and wounded men, to be charged to Congress. Also, £2 for the Board of John Crony, who was hurt by a fall in the Province Ship Montgomery.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Joseph Stiles for £150, to purchase Flannel for making Cartridges for Field Artillery, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieut. Thos. Boyd £5 17 6, for cash paid by him for Belts & repairing Rifles of Capt. Shades' co., Col. Miles' Regiment.

Moses Young was directed to pay Geo. Weiss £1 10, for his Expences as an Express, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Alexander Galagher £2 4, for four pair Stockings.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. William Bodlys £178, for the pay of his Company of Militia of the 5th Batt'n of Cr. County, commanded by Col. Richard Thomas, now stationed at the Powder mills on French Creek, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Simon Murray £11 13 4, for 700 Strops for Bottoms delivered into the Elaboratory, to be charged to Congress.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, February 22nd, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

John Bayard,	Sam'l Cad. Morris,
Joseph Dean,	William Lyon,
Peter Rhoads,	William Moore,
Jonathan B. Smith,	John Bull.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Isaac Thomson £2, for 2 Blankets.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of John Mitchell for one thousand five hundred Pounds, he to be accountable.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Col. Will'm Cook for Three thousand Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to Colonel Cook.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Major Benezet for four Thousand Dollars, for the recruing service of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, to be charged to Lieut. Col. Becker.

Mr Nesbitt was directed to pay William Pennell £8 18 9, for 1788 feet of Oak Scantling for 4 Pounders, deliver'd to Benj. Loxley.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., One thousand Pounds, to be charged to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Col. Lambert Cadwallader for Four Thousand Dollars, for recruiting service for the fourth Pen'a Reg't, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for One thousand Pounds, to be charged to their acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Casper Ditrick £1 3, for 1 Blanket, & Geo. Shrod £2 4 6, for 2 Blankets, all for the use of Capt. Mich'l Snyder's comp'y of Col. Geyger's Batt'n of Northampton County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. James Old or his order Fifteen hundred Pounds for Cannon Ball, &c., to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Commodore Seymour, for One thousand Dollars, for the recruiting Service of the Naval Armament of this State, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Owen Biddle, Esquire, for twelve hundred and forty-six Pounds 14s 4½, to be charged to his acco't.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Abram Mason £40 12 4, for Workman's wages in the Elaboratory

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favor of Mr. Alex'r Hunter for £904, towards paying the Militia of Northumberland County.

Resolved, That all able bodied men who will enter into the service of this State (during the war) on board of any armed Vessell, shall receive a bounty of twelve Dollars on their enlistment.

Resolved, That the pay of the officers and privates of the Naval Armament of this State be as follows, viz:

Commodore,	75 Dollars	℔ mo.
Captains,	48 Dollars	℔ mo.
First Lieutenants,	30 Dollars	℔ mo.
Second Lieutenants,	20 Do.	℔ mo.
Gunner,	16 do.	℔ do.
Boatswain,	16 do.	℔ do.
Carpenter,	16 do.	℔ do.
Armour,	13 do.	℔ do.
Clerk & Steward,	16 do.	℔ do.
Cook,	12 do.	℔ do.
Drummer,	10 do.	℔ do.
Fifer,	10 do.	℔ do.
Surgeon of the Ship,	48 Dollars	℔ mo.
Surgeon's Mate,	20 Do.	℔ mo.
Seamen,	12 do.	℔ mo.
Boys,	6 do.	℔ do.

Petty Officers, such as Quarter Masters, Gunners' Mates, Boatswains' Mates & Carpenters' Mates, on board the Ship & Floating Batteries, 13 Dollars ℔ month.

The Officers pay to Commence the 15th November, 1776.

The privates to commence the 1st of February, 1777.

In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, February 24th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Owen Biddle,	Joseph Dean,
Peter Rhoads,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Wm. Lyon,	Jon'n Bayard Smith,
Joseph Blewer,	John Bull.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Col. Wm. Cook, £6 10 0, for 4 Blankets, to be charged to Congress. N. B. An acco't for said sum was passed the 17th Inst, & lost by Col. Cook.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Ebenezer Cowell £31 11 6, for repairing arms last Summer.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers for his Weekly Expences for work in Elaboratory, &ca., £100 0 6, to be charged to Congress, and £15 10 0, for his Services as Commissary of Stores from 17 January to 17 February, Inst.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Pope £15 17 11, for supplying a number of Prisoners discharged from New York at Croswix, & £16 5 0 for 26 pair of Shoes, £16 5 0 for Col. Hampton's Reg't, both sums to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, February 25th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Pres't.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Peter Rhoads,	Owen Biddle,
Joseph Dean,	John Bull,
William Lyon,	Sam'l Cad. Morris.
Jonathan B. Smith,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Young, for two hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

Moses Young was directed to pay Gabriel Kline £1 11, for subsistence of 31 men of Capt. Geo. Horlacher's Company of the 5th Batt'n of Bucks Co., to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Gabriel Kline £2 12, for subsistence of 52 men of Col. Geiger's Batt'n of Northampton County Militia, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Richard Dallam, Esq'r, for 5,000 Dollars, for the purpose of paying Militia, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay George Gentner £32 5 0, for riding express.

Resolved, That every Person, Seamen or Soldier in the service of this State, who by sickness or otherwise, shall be rendered unfit to do his duty, shall be sent to the nearest Hospital, to be taken care of, and if his case shall by the director or Physician thereof, be thought Incurable, he shall certifie the same to the navy Board, or to this or the executive Council of this State, who will order proper provision to be made for him as soon as may be.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Stiller, work done for Artillery Carriages, £41 15 0.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Capt. Wm. Richards, £314 10 2½, being the Balance of his acco't to 3rd In-

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stant, (exclusive of his wages to be hereafter settled.) to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Connor 20 Dollars, in Consideration of his Loss of time and suffering in the Militia Service.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Major Lewis Nicola, for £1500, to pay the City Guards, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Col. Gurney, for 1000 Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to Col. Humpton.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Colo. Nagel, for 1000 Dollars for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his acco't.

The Paymaster is directed to pay to Captain Rich'd Brown all arrearages due to the Prisoners of his Comp'y at the times of their Deaths or inlistment with the Enemy, on Capt. Brown's giving Bond for his accounting faithfully to their Widows or Heirs, for such sums due to them as may be in his hands.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Rich'd Brown £8 5, for cash advanc'd the wives of the Prisoners who were taken on Long Island.

Mr Nesbitt was directed to pay John Frymost £4 10, for a Rifle purchas'd from him for the use of the Rifle Batt'n of Philad'a, and left at Perth Amboy, by order of General Mercer, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Nevill Five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Thomas Peel 12s 6, for a Blanket, and Thomas Marle £7 10, to purchase 5 Bushels of Salt for salting the Beef brought from Fort Island to Billingsport, to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety, February 26th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Wm. Moore,	Samuel Morris, Sen'r
John Bull,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Joseph Dean,	George Gray,
Peter Rhoads,	Wm. Lyon.
Jonathan B. Smith,	

Moses Young was directed to pay Col. Jno. Proctor £43 8 0, for 38 pair of Shoes & 6 pair of Stockings, for his Battalion of Westmoreland Militia.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Salter & Barr £280 5 8, for Boards, Plank, Scantling, &ca., for the use of

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Alex'r Benstead, Paymaster of the 10th Pennsylvania Reg't, for 1500 Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to Col. Penrose.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Messrs. Wm. Crispin, Peter Stretch, Job Harvy & Capt. Allen £66 8 7, for Expences in Collecting Blankets, &ca., in Chester County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay William Roberts £159 1 4, for making ammunition Boxes, &ca., to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. John Hazlewood, for 300 Dollars, for recruiting Service for the fire Rafts & Guard Boats, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Major Sam'l Benezet, for 1500 Dollars, for recruiting Service for 6th Penn'a Regiment, to be charged to Lt. Col. H. Bicker.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Margaret Welsh £56 7 3, for ferriage of militia & diet of do.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Patrick McDowell £22 10 0, for 900 Bottoms for round Shott delivered into the Elaboratory, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Josiah Hewes & others, wardens of the City of Philad'a, for £800 0 0, to be charged to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Philip Rodman, for £3 10, for a Gun taken out of the Factory by mistake.

In Council of Safety, February 27th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Pres't.

David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Dean,
John Bull,	Sam'l C. Morris,
William Moore,	Jon'a B. Smith,
George Gray,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Peter Rhoads,	Wm. Lyon.
Owen Biddle,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mathias Keely £150, to to be charged to his account; and Abram Moore £30, to be charged to his acco't.

N. B. Keely has deliver'd this day 36 new Guns, & Moore 22.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. David Jackson, Paymaster for the 2nd Batt'n of Philad'a Militia, Twelve Hundred Dollars, to pay off the said Batt'n, to be charged to Colonel Bayard.

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Resolved, That Fergus Purden be appointed Steward of the Province Island Hospital, and that he be allowed 26 Dollars ℔ month, and is to render His Accounts, properly attested, every two weeks to this Board.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John McGinley £62 19 4½, being the Balance of his Acco't for work done Gun Carriages, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Jewell £203 10 5½, for the amo't of his acco't for Diet of Prisoners, to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, February 28th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	William Lyon,
Joseph Dean,	John Bull,
Jon'a B. Smith,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	George Gray.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Bates £9 7 6, for 75lbs. Sheet Iron, delivered Jacob Myers.

Resolved, That the Navy Board be empowered to draw on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer to this Board, for Such Sums of money as may be wanting for that department.

Resolved, That Colonel Bull and Colonel Dean be a Committee to enquire into the Quantity, Situation and State of the Public Stores, and make report to this Council, in order that such part thereof as are not immediately wanted, may be removed to some place or places of Safety.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Brand £9 18 7½, for Bed Cords and Twine deliver'd Rob't Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Thomas & Thomas Foulke £9 0 0, for their trouble & Expence in Collecting Blankets, Stockings, &ca., in Bucks County.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Sam'l Morris, Sen'r, for £50, in part for his wages for attendance at this Council.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Ludwig Fohrer £9 19 0, for a Stove and Pipe.

Resolved, That the Pennsylvania Regiment of Artillery shall be raised, to serve in any part of the United States during the War, and that all new recruits in the Pennsylvania State Regiment of Foot shall be enlisted on the same terms, and that every able bodied man who shall enlist in either of the said Regiments, shall be paid a Bounty of Twenty Dollars.

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Resolved, That every able Bodied man already engaged in either of the above regiments for a Limited time, shall, on re-inlisting to serve during the war, be paid ten Dollars, part of the above Bounty, and the remaining Ten Dollars at the expiration of the time for which he was first inlisted.

Moses Young was directed to pay Robert Hare and Co. £5 6 8, for 2¾ Barrels of Porter, deliver'd in Nov'r last.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieut. Triesback, of Capt. Shade's Company, £7 0 3, for Tomhawks, Powder Horns, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Frederick Schnyder £24 10, for attendance on the Council from the 10th January until 28th Feb'ry.

In Council of Safety, March 1st, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Presid't.

David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Dean,
George Gray,	Jona. B. Smith,
John Bull,	William Lyon,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Samuel C. Morris.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Col. L. Cadwalader, for 1,000 Dollars, for recruiting service for 4th Pen'a Reg't, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Watt £2, for carrying Sick Soldiers and their Baggage 35 miles, and John Hamilton 10s, for carrying Sick Soldiers, both of the 4th Batt'n, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay William Lewis £34 12, for 1,384 Blocks deliver'd Joseph Stiles.

Moses Young was directed to pay James Ennis £14, being the Ball'e of his acco't, for Horse hire and Expresses, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay B. Poultney £210 6 0, for 701 Shovels, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. William Webb be appointed Paymaster to the Navy and Navy Board for this State.

Resolved, That the Gunsmiths be allowed £5 10 0, for every Good Musket with a Bayonet they deliver at the Factory, from this day until altered by this Council or some proper authority.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay

Justice Rebinhen	£29	12	1½,	for wheels, &ca., for Gun Carriages.
John Gruver,	45	0	0	for do.
Joseph Pearson,	93	8	0	for Iron work for Gun Carriages.

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In Council of Safety, March 3rd, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.
DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	Jona. B. Smith,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Joseph Dean,	Wm. Lyon.
John Bull,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Major Lewis Farmer, for One Thousand Dollars, for recruiting Service for the Pen'a State Regiment, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Major Benezet, for 1000 Dollars, for the recruiting service of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, to be charg'd to Lieut. Col. Becker.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain's Erwin & McClelan, for Expences in going to Westmoreland to Carry money to different persons to pay Militia, £16 10 0, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Marle £59 4 0, for wages for men working at the Peers near Fort Island.

Resolved, That the Navy board be empowered to take the Province Shallop into their Possession immediately, to be employed for such purposes as they may think proper.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Gowdy £3 0 0, for a Gun delivered to Mr. Towers in August, 1776.

Moses Young was directed to pay Michael Boyer £7 10, for his Wages as an Express to Mr. Rich'd Tea, six days, @ 25s.

Moses Young was directed to pay Geo. Ginther £3 15, for his Wages as an Express to John Evans, Esquire, 3 days, @ 25s.

Resolved, That the Sentance of the Court Martial held on Lieutenant John Dean of the Arnold Floating Battery, be referred to the Navy Board, who are directed to order a hearing of the parties.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4th, 1777.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Pres't.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

William Lyon,	John Bull,
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	Wm. Moore,
Samuel Cad. Morris,	Joseph Dean,
Owen Biddle,	Frederick Kuhl.

Moses Young was directed to pay Daniel Queen 18s, for Ferriage and Expences of 4 Horses.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mary Hunter £5 15, for Nursing and Attendance, and Funeral Expences of Ratchford Duffield, deceas'd, late a Private in Captain Allbright's Company of Col. Miles' Battalion, to be charg'd to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Peter Rundes £30, on acco't of Rifles & accoutrements lost in actual Service at Fort Washington, to be charged to Colonel William Baxter.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Hood £2 12, for 4 yards of Blanketing for the use of Col. Watts' Marching Batt'n, to be charged to the Col'o.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Cuthbert £3 4 11, for Sundry expences while acting in a Committee to superintend the Sale of Salt, and £1 9 9 for the same purpose.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of James Dundas, for £250, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Boyd £17 12 6, for travelling Expences while on Public Business up the Delaware, and to Shrewsbury last fall, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Michael Grove £16, for his Wages as an Express, to be charged to

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Moses Young, for £100, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Joseph Rice, for 1200 Dollars, for the recruiting Service of the Pennsylv'a Artillery, charge to Col. Proctor.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Dehaven & Carter, for £500, to be charged to their acco't.

Resolved, That the Teams, &ca, purchased by Colonel Bull, for the Purpose of Carrying on the Works at Billingsport, be charged to Congress, and that he be paid the necessary disbursements on that account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Simon Murray, £20 19 8, for tin Tubes, &c.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Joseph Dean,	Sam'l C Morris,
Frederick Kuhl,	Owen Biddle,
William Moore,	Wm. Lyon.
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Captain Jacob Bishop £10 19 6, for the amo't of arms taken from Non-Associators in New Hanover Township, Philadelphia County.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Duchemon, for £20, for his Services as an Interpreter to the Polish Engineer.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for £500, to be charged to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Wm. Thompson, for one Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Robert Allison be appointed a first Lieutenant of a Company of Foot in the Continental Service.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benjamin Davis £36 0 0, for a Barrel of Rum, & Doct'r Wm. Smith £10 4 0, for medecines sent to the Salt Works & Tom's River.

In Council of Safety, March 6th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	William Lyon,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Samuel C. Morris,
Joseph Dean,	Fred. Kuhl

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Budden & Co. £109 8 0, for 1,098 Bushels of Salt.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Doctor Harris, for £100, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Wm. Bedley for a month pay for a Company of Guards at French Creek Powder Mills.

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Capt. Tho's Heslep £15 0 0, to be charged to this State.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
William Lyon,	Jonathan B. Smith.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Towers £154 9 0, for his last week's account for Workmens' wages in the Elaboratory, making cartridges, &ca., to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Townsend & John White £7 15 9, for a H'h'd of Brimstone deliver'd to Mr. Towers in June last.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Shearman £104 0 0, for 4,160 Bottoms for Round Shott delivered to Capt. Stiles, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lieut. Rob't Allison, for 100 Dollars, for the Recruiting service, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Rich'd Dallam, for £2,500, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Edw'd Pote £1 18 4, for 460 musket Ball delivered to Mr. Towers.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, March 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

OWEN BIDDLE, Chairman.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	George Gray,
Joseph Dean,	William Lyon,
Johnathan B. Smith,	John Bull.
Sam'l C. Morris,	

Mr. Moses Young was directed to pay Samuel Johnson £2 2 6, for dieting Militia on their march to Camp, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay Benjamin Mintz £99 4, for 128 Pair of Shoes @ 15s 6.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Young, for 1,000 Dollars, to be charged to his acco't.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Nixon £20 6 8, for Store Hire for Naval Stores, Beef & Pork.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed Colonel John Bull £100 8 4, & Colonel Dean £172 13 8, for sundries bought by them for the Indian Treaty held at Easton, to be charged to Congress.

Mr Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Evans £121 8 4, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages.

In Council of Safety, March 10th, 1777.

PRESENT:

WM. MOORE, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Wm. Lyon,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Bull.
Joseph Dean,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Rob't Towers, Commissary of Stores, £112 4 6, for his last week's account for workmens' wages in the Elaboratory, making Cartridges, &ca., to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col John Bull £97 10 0, for his services for superintending the works erecting at Billingsport from 27th Sept'r, 1776, to 2 Decem'r last, 66 days, & 12 days' service in procuring waggons, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Colonel John Bull employ as many Laborers and artificers to compleat the Fortifications at Billingsport, according to the plan adopted by this Board, as he can, not to exceed five Hundred, with an overseer to every Thirty men, for whose service he is allowed to pay each man £1s 6 ℔ diem, or such a less sum as he can contract with them for; and that he immediately set about the said Business, and prosecute it with all the diligence in his Power.

Resolved, That William Crispin, Esq'r, do immediately provide provisions for the workmen to be employed at Billingsport, agreeable to such numbers as Colonel John Bull may direct him.

Resolved, That Major Lewis Farmer march all the officers and men belonging to the Pennsylvania State Regiment (except the recruiting Parties) down to Billingsport, and put himself under the direction of Colonel Bull.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Joseph Dean one Thousand Dollars, for money he advanced to Capt. Caleb North, for recruiting service for 5th Pen'a Reg't, to be charged to Colonel Johnson.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John McGinley £52 7 0, for Iron Work for Gun Carriages, delivered to David Pancoast.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Hubley, Esq'r, £51, for Sundry Guns, appraised for the use of Capt. Muser's Comp'y of the first Batt'n of Lancaster Co.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, March 11th, 1777.

PRESENT:

OWEN BIDDLE, Chairman.

George Gray,	Wm. Lyon,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Sam'l C. Morris,
John Bull,	Joseph Dean.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Haun, a member of assembly for York County, on acco't for scabbards, &ca, £19 17 0, to be charged to this State; another acco't of Mich'l Eichelberger £77 12 0, for dieting 10 Emigrants at Yorktown, to be charged to Congress; also £5 17 6, for Lodging officers' servants, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Colonel Bull, £44 18 3, for Guard of Stores at Norrington, & Sundrys supplied by Col. Butler at Wyoming, to the Indians returning from the treaty at Easton, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Lamb't Cadwalader, for One Thousand Dollars, for recruiting service for the fourth Pen'a Reg't, to be charged to his acco't.

Moses Young was directed to pay James McClellan £7 15 4, for dieting Militia last Summer.

Moses Young was directed to pay Capt. Edw'd Graham £19 13 0, for subsistance of his Company of Col. Wats' Battalion, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Captain John Nelson, for £358 4 2, for pay of his Independent Company, late annext to Col. Dehaas' Reg't, while at Ticonderoga, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Henry Shade £241 1 3, for Riffles, &ca, purchased by him for his Company.

Resolved, That Captain Joseph Stiles be appointed superintendant of the Ordinance of this State, and that he be authorized to take into his charge all the Artillery belonging to this State not immediately employed, with the Carriages and all appurtenances belonging to the same.

That he lay before this board a plan of this Buildings necessary to preserve the said Artillery and Stores; That he may employ one assistant and one Clerk under him, and that a regular Account be kept by him of all such Artillery and Stores, and a report be

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made of the Quantity and Condition of the same to this Board, once in every week, or oftener, if required, which are not to be delivered out unless by special orders from the executive Council or this Board.

Resolved, That Mr. George Ingles be appointed superintendant of Gun Carriages, and he is bereby authorized to take into his Charge all the Carriages not already mounted, and the materials for making of Carriages belonging to this State, wherever they may be found; and to provide timber and materials to make such others as may hereafter be ordered to be made, and employ workmen for that purpose.

That a proper Yard be procured for Storing all the Gun Timber belonging to this State, of which an account is to be Kept in a book for that purpose, to be weekly laid before this board for Inspection, or oftner, if required.

The Council taking into their consideration the necessity of establishing some Regulations respecting the State of the Troops quartered in this City, and especially in regard to the Health of the Inhabitants, think it very proper the following Resolutions be adopted.

1st. That General Gates, or the Commanding officer for the time being in this City, be requested to order an officer of each company at present, or who may hereafter be quartered in this City, to visit every morning the Houses occupied by the respective Companies, and see that they are kept clean Such officer neglecting this duty to be confined & otherwise punished, as the General shall think proper.

2nd. That the Barrack Master General be directed to order one of his Assistants, or some other person acquainted with such Houses as have soldiers in them, to visit them at least three times a week, & make report to the General or the Town Major, to be laid before the General every visiting day, of the State in which they find such Houses, specifying every House, and the Captain's name, which they may find Dirty, particularly with Human ordure, in the House, out-houses, or yard.

3rd. That the Town Major be ordered to visit such Houses as often as his other duties will permit, as a Check on the Officers and Assistants Barrack Masters, and report accordingly to the General and this Council.

4th. That the Town Major furnish the Barrack Master with a sufficient number of Copies of the above orders, that each Assistant may be provided with one, and Communicate the same to the officers and men they shall from time to time quarter in this City.

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In Council of Safety, March 12th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Joseph Blewer,
George Gray,	Wm. Lyon.
Joseph Dean,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay George Reinhart, for porterage of Cannon, Carriages, Plank, &ca., £26 9 0, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Joseph Mather £44 16 5, for boarding, Cloathing, & Schooling Moses Kirkland, from 8th May, 1776, to 8th March, 1777, to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety.

PHILADELPHIA. March 13th, 1777.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Owen Biddle,	Joseph Dean,
Geo. Gray,	Samuel Morris, Sen'r,
Sam'l Cad. Morris,	Wm. Lyon.

Resolved, That a Smith's Shop be erected at or near the Public Works now in the Possession of this Board, the Corner of Chestnut and Fifth Streets, and a sufficient Quantity of Iron and Coals be purchased for that purpose, and that a master workman be engaged to Superintend the same.

And that Joseph Dean be empowered to engage a suitable person, as soon as possible.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay for Drum Snares, Sticks, &ca., &ca., £10 11 9.

Moses Young was directed to pay Geo. Putz £6 4, for 8 Pair of Shoes, a 15s. 6 p Pair.

Moses Young was directed to pay James Galbreath £8 12 2¼, for 36¼ yards Coarse Linnen, a 4s. 9.

Moses Young was directed to pay Robert M'Curdy £19 4, for 24 Pairs Shoes, a 16s.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Lynch £60 18 6, for Rammers and Spunge heads, Tomkins & Bottoms, deliver'd Dav'd Pancoast, to be charged to Congress.

Moses Young was directed to pay John Scott £13 10, for 27 yards Flannel, a 10s. p yard.

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Moses Young was directed to pay James Galbreath £50 18 8½ for Coarse Linnen and Linsey.

Moses Young was directed to pay John Ross £14 16 7½, for 19½ y'ds white Swanskin, a 13s. 6, and 8 Pair Hose, a 10s.

Moses Young was directed to pay Joseph Ross £16 14 8½, for 89½ y'ds Tow Linnen, a 3s. 9 p yard.

Resolved, That Mr. Jacob S. Howell be allowed thirteen Shillings per day for his Services as Secretary to this Council.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Jacob S. Howell, £92 5, being in full for his services as Secretary to this Council.

Moses Young was directed to pay Frederick Snider £5 10, for his attendance on the Council from the 1st of March untill the 11th, inclusive, a 10s. p day.

Moses Young was directed to pay Geo. Ginther £8 15, for his wages as an Express.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Styner & Cist, £16 5 6, the amo't of their acco't for Printing done for the Council.

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PENNSYLVANIA WAR OFFICE,
21st April, 1777.

Resolved, That Francis Richardson, Reynold Keene, Colberson Read, Jn's Biddle & Henry Haller, or any three of them, be appointed Commissioners for the County of Berks, to audit & Settle the Accounts of the Militia & flying Camp of the said County, for Arms & accoutrements purchased by the Officers of those Corps, and the property of persons lost in actual Service. Also the Accounts of those persons who have been killed, died in the service of the States, or were made prisoners.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Gentlemen:

As the individuals in your County who have rendered service to the public & suffer'd losses in Consequence thereof, meet with difficulties in getting their accounts settled by reason of their great distance from this City, we therefore have appointed you to audit & Settle their respective accounts, and that justice may be done both to the Public & other parties, we request that you will qualify all persons to their several Accounts; and where any persons who have had demands on the public are deceased, that you obtain proper certificates and other authentic documents, that the persons who make claim on their behalf are the proper representatives of such persons; many frauds have been practiced against the public; we would therefore recommend it to you, to scrutinize, with great exactness, the several Accounts that may be laid before you, that

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strict justice may be done to the Public and the claimants. As it is unreasonable that any persons should give their time and Labour to the public without reward, you are to be allowed perhaps 12s p'r Diem for every day's service which you shall perform in this business.

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MEMORANDUM,

AS FOUND IN

COUNCIL BOOK, NO. 3,

FROM

DEC. 31, 1776, TO MARCH 17, 1777.

Dec'r 31st, 1776.

A Request Sent to the Council of Safety to Supply 1 Serg't, 45 Privates, with necessaries to Return to Camp to-morrow, under the Command of Colin Coke, Lieut. of the 6th Virginia Reg't, from their Sick Quarters.

William Edwards, in the House of Bedford Sadler, a Bucket for the use of the sick.

2 Blankets for Jos. McWilliams & William Jones, in Shields' House, Sick.

Jan'y, 1st, 1777.

Matthias Rusler, at W'm Smilers's, the Corner of Seventh & Arch Street, Sick. Advanced 15s, belong'g to Capt. Nelson.

2 Orders for Coffins to Mr. Carpenter, 1 in Taylor's Alley, 1 in Semple's Store.

John Thatcher, of Col. Weedon's Batt. 3d Virg'a, A White Shirt.

Gave Orders to Mr. Roosen, the Barrack Master, Gen'es assis't, for ½ Cord of Wood to each of the 4 Following Sick Quarters: Semple's Store, Sproat's Store, Opposite Do., & McElroy, also ½ to John Shield's House, for 47 Sick.

Cuthbert Williamson, of Col. Hasilet' Batta'n, a Shirt.

Gave Matthias Sheirey, of Major Hayes' Batta'n of the Flying Camp, 3s 9. Drew Rations of the Commissary 3 Days for Do.

One Lieu't, 1 Serg't, 6 Privates, of Capt. McCormal's Comp'a, Col. Wat's Battall'n, in Bedford's House, 2d Street.

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An order to Jasper Carpenter for a Coffin, at Mr. Smeiler's House, the Corner of Seventh & Arch Streets; Matthias Hesland, a Soldier, Batt'n unknown.

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Jan'y 2d, 1777.

Gave to a poor Distress'd Widow of a Soldier, 2s 6.

Gave to Geo. Sine, of Col. Ash's Bat'n, Peter Trine & Geo. Shaffer, of Col. Kichline, 5s each. 15.

John Jett, of Capt. Morris's Comp, 3 Virg'a Battalion, a p'r Shoes & Stockings.

Rob't Kelly, the 6th Virg'a Reg't, p'r Shoes, Stock'gs & Shirt.

P'd for Vegetables 2s 6, six Cups 3s, a Bucket 4s.

John Sears, of Smallwood's Batt'l, P'r Shoes & Shirt.

Mary Traker, Employ'd as Nurse at John Shields'. Also, Mary Brown, in the Same Station, lives at Jas. Seeman's.

Col. Melchor, Barrack Master Gen'l, Releas'd the Committee of the 77 Sick return'd Pris'ners, under the Care of Serj't Wilson, & he is accordingly discharg'd from that Service.

Rec'd a Gun, Bajonet, & Cartouch Box, of Chris'n Healer, of Col. Swoop's Battallion.

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Jan'y 3d, 1777.

Gave John Sears, of Col. Smallwood's Batal'n, 5s, he going, by permission, to New Town, Maryland, till he gets well.

Gave to John Copper, of Col. Smallwood's Batal'n, Capt. Vazey' Comp'y, p'r Lining Breeches, Shoes, Stockings, Shirt & Blanket.

To Charles Spangler, of Capt. Allbright's Comp'y, Col. Miles' Bat'ln, p'r Stockings.

To Sam'l Shaw, of Col'n Montgomery's Reg't, P'r Shoes.

P'd Unity McKinzie, for Nursing & laying out a Sick Soldier, 7s 6.

Gave 2 distress'd Soldiers, return'd Pris'ners from York, William Crawford, of the 5 Virginia Batt'n, a P'r Shoes; p'd for 2 Q't Muggs, Sugar 15s.

Tho's Kilpatrick, Col. Montgomery Battalion, a Blanket.

3 Soldiers near Doctor Weed's.

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Jan'y 4th, 1777.

Marg't Tryon, Corner of Shippen Street, applys for a Nurse.
Also, a woman next door to the widow Gash.
Paid, for Indian Meal, 16s.
Charles Spangler, of Col. Miles' Battalion, a shirt & Blanket.
James Ford, of Col. Durgy's Battal., a P'r Stock'gs.
Orders to the Assistant Barrack Master.
3-4 Cord wood in Norris's Alley.
3-4 Do. Shields.
3-4 Do. McElroy.
3-4 Do. to Mr. Sneider's in Front Street.
Rich'd Sims, of 8 Virginia Battall., Shoes & Stock'gs.
William McCulloch, Do. Shoes.
Gave 2 poor Soldiers 2s 6.
Drew Rations for Benja. Belcher of Col. Hausaker of the Dutch Battalion, for 21 days.
Jacob Jeffries of Gen'l Smallwood s Battalion.
A Prisoner from New York, sent by order of Major Peter Adams, and Brought by Lieut. Peal in Chancery Lane, to be particularly taken Care of, is placed at Mr. Sneider's, under Care of Doctor Weede.

Jan'y 6th, 1777.

An order to Jasper Carpenter for John Amesberger of Col. McAllister's Batt'n, a Coffin.
Drawn Rations for 10 Days for Rees Jones, of Col. Hall's Battal'n.
Drawn Rations for 3 men at McElroy's, 1 of Col. Hall's, 1 of Col. Weedon's, and one of Col. Smallwood's, for 3 Days.
Geo. Greenville, of Col. Smallwood's Batt'n, Recommended to Lieut. Peel.
Paid for taking 4 Sick Soldiers to Better'g House, 7s. 6.
Return to the Dep'y Quarter Master for 3 Camp Kettles for 20 men of Col. Lawson's Battal. in Pine Street.
Sent 2 sick of the Small Pox to the Bettering House, to D'r Young's Ward, and p'd for carrying them, 5s.
Drew Rations for 2 men of Col. McDugals Battal. for 9 Days, John Malloway, John Neil.
Receiv'd from each of the above a Gun, Bayonet, Cartouch Box, &c.
John Edinburgh, of the 6th Virginia Reg't, Capt. Toll, a shirt & Blanket.
Leo. Bridger of the 4th Virginia Reg't, a P'r Shoes.

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Paid for Balm Sage, &ca, 6s.

To a Soldier's poor sick wife & 2 Children, 17 6, Doct'r Glentworth's small Pox Hospital, 2 Doors above Peter Knight's.

John Jett of the 3d Virginia Regim't, Shoes, Stock'gs, Shirts.

Robert Currey of 76th Do. Stock'gs & Shirt.

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Jan'y 7th, 1777.

Drawn Rations for 8 Days, for a Sick Soldier belong'g to the Delaware Battall'n quartered in Norris Alley.

Andrew Beck a p'r of Stockings.

Hannah Smith went to Nurse in Pine Street.

David Burtle of Col. Hall's Battal., a p'r of Stock'gs.

Ordered ½ Cord of Wood at Shield's, ½ a Cord in Pine Street.
½ a Cord at Bedford's, ½ a Cord in Norris alley.
½ a Cord at McElroy's.

Drew Rations for 6 Days for 4 of Col. Hands' & 1 of Col. Montgomery's Bat.

Rec'd a Gun and Bayonet belonging to Ephraim Gundy by the Hands of Zabulon Woodroff, of Major Hand in the Jersey.

And order to Mr. Carpenter for a coffin, for a soldier who died on Board of a Shallop coming from Camp at Trenton.

P'd for taking 2 Soldiers to the Hospital in y^e^ Small Pox, 5s.

Gave Charles Burnet, late of Col. Hall's Batt'n, Capt. Maccubin, a discharg'd soldier, to return home, 7s 6.

Gave to supply a Poor Soldier with some Necessaries, in the Small Pox, 2s. 6. } Settled.
Andrew Beck, 7s. 6. } Mary Orchard, for Nur'g.

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Jan'ry 8th, 1777.

Gave Isaac Sterling, of Col. Smallwood's Batalion, one Shirt.

An order to Mr. Carpenter for a Coffin for James Hill, Battal. Unknown.

An order to Do. for a Coffin for Edward McGurney, of in Evan Morgan's house on the Commons.

A Cord of Wood to Shields, Drawn upon the Barrack Mas.

Wm. Bradley of Col. Miles' Battal., a Blanket.

Drew Rations for 3 Days for three Men, two of Col. Miles' & 1 of Col. Smallwood's Battal'n.

Drew Rations for 8 days for John Hitchcock, his wife & child, of y^e^ 3d Battal'n, Virg'a.

Paid for Sweep'g 5 Chimneys 5s.

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Drew 6 Camp Kittles of the Quarter Mast'r.
Sent 1 camp Kettle to McElroy's.
John Hithcock, of 3d Virgin's Batt'n, a Blanket.

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Jan'y 9th, 1777.

Uziah Woods of Col. Atlee's Batt'n, a P'r Stockings.
Gave Samuel Grimes of Col. Montgom'y's Batt., Shoes & Shirt.
Gave Isaac Stirling, to Return to Maryland to recover his sickness (belon'g to Gen'l Smallwood's Battal'n,) 11s. 8d.
Gave , of Col. Miles' Battal'n, shirt and stockings.
Gave an order for 4 half cords of fire wood, & An order to the Commissary for 3 men of the 5th Virginia Batt'n, for 3 Days, Capt. Tyrel, at McElroy.
Gave John Brown & John Henderson, 2 soldiers in the Workhouse, a Blanket each.
Ordered a load of Wood in Pine Street, Do. at Shields'.
Gave Timothy Kelly, who is under Pass of Gen'l Sullivan to go to Baltimore, a P'r of Shoes, Stockings & Shirt, and 5s.

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Jan'y 10th.

Mary McVey applys for a Nurse; lives near Mr. Musgraves'.
Gave an order for 4 half cords fire wood, &c.
Rec'd a Gun & Cartouch box of Thomas Shorts, late of Col. Weiden's Batta'l, (Now deceased), with a Cartouch Box.
Ordered a Load of Wood in 7th Street; a Load Do. in Chesnut.
Gave Mary Kingsland, for taking care of a Sick Woman, a Distress'd Woman drove out of New York, Living in Biddle's Alley, 10s.
Drew Rations for 3 Men for 3 Days, one of Col. Hall's, one of Col. Smallwood's & one of Col. Weeden's Batt'n, at McElroy's.
Gave Andrew Beck 7s. 6.
Drew an order 11th for 4 half cords Fire Wood, which was receiv'd 3 this Day & the other the 15th; paid for writing paper 2s. 10p.
Drew Rations for 2 Men of Col. Miles' Battalion for 3 Days, McElroy's.
Drew Rations for 8 Men for 4 Days, part of the 4th Virginia Battall'n.
Lent Hannah Smith, Nurse at McElroy's, a Blanket.
Drew Rations for John Keas, of Capt. Bower's Comp'y, for 5 Days past.

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Drew Rations for 8 Men for 5 Days, of Col. Scott's.
Drew Rations for 2 Men 7 Days (to y^e 13th) of Col. McDugall's.
Gave Mary McVeigh, Nurse at the small Pox Hospital in Vine Street, 2s. 6d., to buy Sugar.
P'd Susannah Mosson for ½ a Pound of Lint for Doctor Glentworth, for Wounded Soldiers, 7s. 6.

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Jan'y 13th, 1777.

Drawn Rations for Rees Jones, of Col. Hall's Batt'n, for 8 days back.
Do. for Duncan McGinly, 4 Days, a Return'd Pris'ner from New York.
Do. for 4 Days for 8 men of 5th Virg'a Reg't.
Paid for Molasses for McElroy's 2s. 6.
Paid Mary McVeigh for Necessaries for Small Pox Hospital in Pine Street. } 3s. 9. Settled.
An order to J. Carpenter for a Coffin for John Coleman, of the
Gave George Chapman, of Col. Lawson's Batt'n, 4th Virg'a, Capt. Washington, a Shirt.
Drew Rations for 3 Men of Col. Miles',
1 of Col. Montgomery's,
1 of Col. McGaw's Battal'as.
Gave John Thatcher a Blanket.
Paid for halling Wood, &c., } 3s. 6. Settled.

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Jan'y 14th, 1777.

Paid to John Reily, of Col, Montgomrie's Battal, Capt. Miller, 7s 6.
Drew Rations for 2 Men, 3 Days, of Col. Miles' Batt, at McElroy's.
Drew Rations for 2 Women, Hester McCormick & Elizb'h Evans, Wives of 2 Men of Col. Miles' Batt'n, from Nov. 16th to this Date.
Gave Wm. Nixon, of Col. Smallwood's Batt'n, a pair Stockings & Shoes.
An order for a Coffin for Wm. Mills, a Soldier in 6 Virg'a Reg't.
Gave John Hall, of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n, a p'r Stock'gs.

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Drew Rations for 8 Men for 2 Days, 1 of Col. Hall's, one of Col. Haselet's, & 1 of Col. Weeden's.
Order'd 4 Loads of Wood for Sick Quarters, yesterday.
Do. 4 Do. this day.
Rec'd None, applied for by Wm. Derrack.
Gave Hugh Kain, of the 1st Batt'n of Musquettry.
Col. Atlee a p'r Shoes, & to his Wife a Blanket.
Paid for Sundry Expences 10s.

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Jan'y 15th, 1777.

Paid James Guy for halling a Cord of Wood, 4s, Settled.
Rec'd a Return to the Council of Safety, made by Doctor Young & Benj'n Paschall, by their order.

Benj'n Paschal, Dec,	16,	425	
Doc'r Young,	20,	847	
	Total,	772	Totall 1172.
From Which to this Day,		400	

All under the Inspection of the Board.
Drew Rations for a Sick Soldier, his Wife & Child, of the Delaware Batt'n, for 8 Days.
Do. for 1 Man of Col. Miles' & 1 of Col. Smallwood's Batt'n.
An order for a Coffin for Bedney Talford.
Also Rec'd of Spencer Anderson a Gun & Cartouch Box, of the Decea's'd.
Drew an order on the Barrack Master for 4 Loads of Wood.
An order for a Coffin for Tho's Buckner, of the 4th Virg'a Regiment.
Mr. Paschill a p'r Shoes & Stockings, for a Soldier of the 1st Batt, Crawford's Comp'y—Paid Expences.

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Jan'y 17th, 1777.

Gave Duncan McGinly, of Col. Montgomerie's Batt'n, a Return'd Pris'ner from New York, in order to proceed home, 5s.
Gave Rees Jones, late of Col. Hall's Battl'n, of the Flying Camp, to go home, 7s 6.
Drew Rations for 2 Men, 8 Days, of Col. Miles' Batt'n.
Bought ½ a Cord of Wood, deliver'd at the Door, 25s.
Paid for Sawing half a Cord of Wood, 1s 6.
Paid for Sweeping Chimney, 1s 3.
Receiv'd a Box of Candles, 54 lb, of Mr. Badge.
Rec'd a Musquet of Alex. Birk, marked W. W.
Return'd the above to himself, Feb'y 27th.

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Jan'y 18th, 1777.

An order for a Coffin, Marshall of the 6th Virg'a Reg't, Sign'd by Capt. Leech.

Paid for Sweeping a Chimney, 1s.

Confirm'd a Return for Rations, for Wm. Singleton, for 6 days in Capt. Prowell's Company of Carpenters, Drawn by the Serg't of the Comp'a.

Gave William Nices, of Col. Bull's Batt'n, a prisoner from New York, 2s 6—Settled with the Treas'r.

Drew Rations for John Sleas, of Capt. Brewster's Co, 7 Days.

Gave to a Soldier, gone to Camp, a p'r of Shoes.

Drew Rations for Mullowny & John Neill, of Col. Miles' Batt'n, 7 Days.

Drew Rations for 7 days, for Sam'l Singleton, of the 4th Virginia Reg't.

Rec'd a Waggon Load of Wood from the B. Master.

Paid for Sawing ½ a Cord of Wood, bought at the Door.

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Jan'y 19, 1777.

Drew Rations for a Sick Man of Capt. Hugg's Artillery, 8 days.

Do. 1 Man.

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Jan'y 20th, 1777.

An order to Receive David Burden into the Bettering House, of Col. Hall's Batt'n, with the Itch.

2 orders for Coffins to Pine Street Small Pox House, 3d Virg'a Batt'n. To Jasp'r Carpenter, 1 order for 1 of Col. McGaw's, a return'd Pris'ner from New York, at Shields's. To Jasper Carpenter, Came into town last Night.

Agreed with Isabella Redman to Nurse Jeremiah Loe, of Capt. Francis Proctor's Compa., for 2 Weeks, at 205 ℔ Week.

Drew Rations for 2 Men 3 Days, of Col. Miles's Batt'n.

An Order to the assis't Barrack Master for a Load of Wood to Pine Street Small Pox Hospital.

An Order to the Pennsyl'a Hospital for John Hopwood, of Col. Rawlin's Batt'n, a Wounded Pris'ner from N. Y.

Sign'd by JACOB SHOEMAKER.

Gave Nurse Traker at Pine Street hospital for Sundries 7s 6.

Rec'd of Wm. Bellamy 18 Rifle Guns, belonging to the 3 Virginia Reg't, Col. Weedon.

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Paid for some Coffee for 2 distress'd Prisoners from York, 2s 6.

Paid Mr. Bock, 7s 6.

Paid for Molasses, 1s 3.

Drew Rations for John Thatcher & 1 other of 3 Virginia Batt'n, for 3 Days.

Drew Rations for Wm. Bradley and 1 other of Col. Miles' Batt'n.

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Jan'y 21st.

Paid Tim'y Fisher, for Sawing a Cord of Wood, 5s.

Drew Rations for 3 men 4 days, Geo. Nelson, John Scott and Traverse Finglad, of Col. Weedon's Batt'n.

Rec'd a Gun and Cartouch Box belonging to a Soldier (Dead) late of Capt. Lucas's Comp'y of the 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Rec'd of William Bellamy, of the 3d Virgin'a Reg't, 2 Rifle Guns, 5 Pouches & hornes, 2 Pouches only.

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Jan'y 22d.

Paid Andrew Beck, 7s 6.

Do. Nurse, Mary Thraker, at the Small Pox hospital in Pine Street, 5s for Necessaries.

Rec'd a Load of Wood from Mr. Masters, 3s 4.

Rec'd Do. Do. 3s 4.

Rec'd 9 Muskets & 6 Bayonets from Barrel's House, & 2 Cartouch Boxes.

Received 32 Muskets, 12 Bayonets & 14 Cartouch Boxes from Carpenter's Hall.

Rec'd 3 Muskets, 3 Bayonets, Do. Cartouch Boxes, from Shields.

Rec'd 6 Muskets, 4 Bayonets, 6 Cart'h Boxes, from the House opposite Burnes' Tavern, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Rec'd 5 Muskets, Do. Cartouch Boxes, 2 Bayonets, from McElroys.

Paid Philip Springer for halling the above Guns from Several Houses to the office, 7s 6.

Gave an Order to the Bettering house to Receive Wm. Walker, of the 11th Reg't, now at Mr. Binders.

Note—Mr. Hugh James had an order yesterday Morn'g to Remove him but has neglected.

Gave David Burton, late of Col. Hall's Battall'n, to go home to Virginia, by order (Capt. Leech, Mr. Stillic) 15s.

Paid for Sawing 2 Load of Wood 1½ Cord, 6s.

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Jan'y 23d.

Rec'd of Wm. Scott, a Soldier late of Col. Watts' Battall'n of the Flying Camp, a Rifle Gun.

Drew Rations for 2 Men 3 Days, of Col. Miles' Batt.

Sent an Order to Wm. Peters, to Receive 2 men of Col. Hands' Battal'n, Capt. Doyle's Co.

Receiv'd ¾ Cord of Wood from Mr. Masters.

Drew Rations from Wm. Crawford of the 5th Virg'a Batt.

Paid Nurse Traker for the Small Pox hospital, 5s.

Rec'd of Mr. Masters ¾ Cord of Wood.

Receiv'd from the Nurse at the Hospital opposite the Sign of Noah's Ark, one New Musket, Mark'd Pennsylvania, County.

Paid for Sawing the above, 1½ Cord Wood, 6s 3.

Gave Mr. Beck, 2s 6.

Rec'd a Rifle Gun, Pouch & Horne, from Sam'l Davis, of Col. Scott's Batt.

Rec'd from Mr. Masters ¾ Cord Wood.

2 Young men of Gen'l Stevens' Brigade, Sam'l Davis & his Comrade having been discharg'd under the Hand of Doct'r James Holmes from the Bettering house, and not knowing where to lie or to draw Rations, were Receiv'd under the Care of this Board.

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Jan'y 24th, 1777.

Rec'd of Spencer Anderson, a Gun, Cartridge Box & Bayonet, of 3d Virg'a Batt.

Rec'd of Vester Moss, a Gun and Cartouch Box of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Drew Rations 8 Days for Hetty Noland, widow of Michael Noland, late of Col. Smallwood's Batt.

Drew Rations for 16 Men of Gen'l Stevens' Brigade, for 3 Days, on the Bank in Front Street.

Dō. for 3 men, 4 Days, of Col. Weedon's Batt'n.

Paid John Wilson, for Putting up Advertisements round the City, to Secure the arms of Sick or Dead Soldiers, 10s.

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Jan'y 25th, 1777.

Drew Rations for Benj'n Betcher, of the German Batt'n, 7 Days.

Drew Rations for Mullowny & Neil, for 3 Days, of Col. McDugal's Batt'n.

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Drew Rations for 8 men of Col. Weedon's Batt'n, for 2 Days.
Do. for John Sleas, of Capt. Bowers' Co. of Militia, 7 Days.
Do. for Sam'l Singleton, 7 Back & 7 to Come, Rations of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n.
Returned to John Mullowny & John Neil their Guns, &c., they having a Pass from Gen'l Gates to go to Head Quarters at Morris Town, & Gave them 10s.
P'd Andrew Beck £3 12 6.
Gave an Order for a Coffin.
Paid Nurse Thraker, of the Small Pox Hospital, 10s.
Gave an Order for Wood, for 4 Men in the Small Pox, in Chestnut Street, of Col. Weedon's Batt'n.
Gave Hetty Noland, Widow of Michael Noland, Deceas'd, of Col. Smallwood's Batt'n, 15s, and a p'r of Shoes.
Paid for taking 2 Wheelbarrows of Wood to the Small Pox Hospital in Pine Street, 1s 3.

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Jan'y 27th, 1777.

Drew Rations for 12 men, 3 Days, of Gen'l Stevens' Brigade in front Street.
Yesterday, Order to Mr. Carpenter for a Coffin for Jos. Parsons, of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.
Do. for James Floyd, of Capt. Ranckin's Co. of New Castle Militia, Coloured & Seperate Grave.
Rec'd Jos. Parsons', above mentioned, Gun & Cartouch Box.
Rec'd a Gun of Wm. Malton.
Do. & Cartouch Box of Benj'n. Bristol. } both of 3d Virginia Reg't, in the Small Pox.
Do. Do. & Bayonet of Fewel Philberts, Do. Deceas'd.
Rec'd 3 Guns, 4 Bayonets, 8 Cartouch Boxes, from Shields' House.
Rec'd 1 Gun, Bayonet & Cartouch Box from Do.
Drew A General order for Wood, to be Deliver'd to Mr. John Hart.
Drew Rations for 3 Men, 2 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.
Do. for 4 Days for Wm. Crawford, of the 5th Do.
Rec'd 3 Guns & 4 Bayonets from Mr. Adcocks, Settled with Mr. Marshall.

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Jan'y 28.

Paid Nurse Traker for Necessaries, 5s.
Drew Rations for 6 men of the 4th Virg'a Reg't, & 4 of the 3d Virg'a Reg't, in the Small Pox, 6 Days.

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Drew Rations for 15 men, 4 Days, to the 29th Inst., of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Ditto for 3 men, 7 Days, of Do. Batt, to the 3d Feb. Included.

Receiv'd 6 Guns from the Corner of Cherry Alley.

16 Do. from Front Street.

10 Do. from Mr. Hart's.

3 Do. from Pine Street, the 6th Batt'n.

Drew Rations, 30 Days, for Tho's Turner, of the Delaw'e Batt.

Do. Tho's Bailey, of 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Gave Tho's Turner, a p'r of Shoes & Stockings.

Tho's Bailey, a P'r Shoes.

Paid Hetty Noland, for attending and laying out James Floyd, of Capt. Rankin's Company of Newcastle Militia, 7s 6.

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Jan'y 29th, 1777.

Paid Joseph Stout, for a Bushel of Indian Meal, 11s 5.

Drew Rations for Wm. Bradley, Adam Grouse & wife, 3 Days, Col. Miles's Batt'n.

Drew Rations for Geo. Nelson & Wm. Leech, 3 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Gave Nurse Traker 7s 6.

Drew Rations for John Scott and Traverse Finlade, 3 Days, 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Rec'd ¾ Cord of Wood from the Barracks.

Paid for Sawing ¾ Cord Wood 3s 6.

Drew Rations for John Thatcher, 4 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Rec'd of Geo. Staley a Gun, Bayonet and Cartouch Box, belong'g to Nath'l McKenny, of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n, Capt. Lucas's Co.

Paid for Sawing ½ a Cord Wood 2s 6.

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Jan'y 30th, 1777.

Receiv'd 7 Bayonets, 5 Cartouch Boxes, from Sick Quarters in Front Street.

Rec'd a Gun & Cartouch, from John Tillis.

Rec'd Do. Do. from James Vaughan, all 4 of the 3d Virg'a Reg't, Col. Weedon.

Gave Nurse Traker at the Small Pox Hospital, 7s 6.

Drew Rations for 4 Days for 11 men of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n.

Rec'd 1½ Cord of Wood from Mr. Masters.

P'd James Roberts for Sawing some Big Logs at the Small Pox Hospital in Pine Street, 1s 3.

Rec'd a Gun, Bayonet, Cartouch Box & Blanket, belonging to ————, of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n, Col. Lawson.

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Jan'y 31st, 1777.

Gave an order for a Coffin for y^e^ James Kennedy, of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Rec'd ¼ Cord of Wood from Mr. Masters, sent to Pine Street.

Drew Rations for 10 Men 4 Days, to the 2d Feb., for 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Gave Thomas Tracy of the Delaware Batt'n, a Pair of Shoes.

Rec'd ¼ Cord of Wood from Mr. Masters at the office.

Paid for Halling some Guns from Several Places, 5s.

Do. for Halling Some Straw from Mr. Bulls', 10s.

Drew Rations for Tho's Turner & Tho's Baily, 6 days, to the 3d of Feb'y Inclusive, 4th Virg'a Batt'n.

Do. for Wm. Crawford 4 Days, of the 5th Virg'a Batt'n.

Rec'd 1½ Cord Wood from Mr. Masters.

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Feb'y 1st, 1777.

Gave an order for a Coffin for Peter Taylor of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Drew Rations for 3 Days for Wm. Bradley, Adam Grouse & wife, of Col. Miles's Batt'n.

Drew Rations for Wm. Wilcox, Eliz McDonald, Sarah Burk, of Capt. Bell's Comp., 4th Virg'a Batt'n, 4 Days.

Drew Rations for John Kelley, 4 Days, for the fourth Virg'a Batt'n, Capt. Bell.

Drew Rations for John Thatcher & 5 others, 4 Days, of the 3d Virg'n Batt'n.

Drew an order for Wood to the ass't Barr'k Mast'r, for 6 Men in the Small Pox, in Chestnut Street.

Settled with Mary Traker, and paid her to the 31st ult.

Gave Mary Traker for Necessaries, 7s 6.

Drew 4 Days' Rations for Sam'l Singleton, of the 4th Virg'a Regiment.

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Feb'y 3d, 1777.

Drew Rations for 17 Men, two Days, of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n.

Do. for Tho's Dean, for 10 Days Back, Col. Knox's Batt'n.

The above being Blind & Lame, procured him a pass to head Quarters, & gave him by order 7s 6.

Drew Rations for 10 Men, 4 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't.

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Do. for David Rice, John Thompson & John Horton, 4 Days, the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Do. 4 Days, for 13 Men of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Do. 4 Days for 6 of the 3d & 7 of the 4th, Do. in the Small Pox.

Do. 3 Days, Col. Lawson, 2 Men.

Do. 3 Days for Edmund Ingles, of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n.

Do. 30 Days for Charles Graham, Capt. Bell, 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Gave an order for a Coffin for George Kelley, belon'g to Capt. Courtney's Comp'y of Artillery, @ Capt. Leech.

Gave an order for a Coffin for ————, of the Virg'a Reg't, in the Small Pox Hospital, Pine Street.

Paid for Sawing half Cord of Wood, 2s 6.

Rec'd 2 half Cords of Wood from Mr. Masters.

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Feb'y 4th, 1777.

Drew Rations for Wm. Bradley, Adam Grouse & wife, 4 Days, of Col. Miles's Batt.

Rec'd of Edmund Inglish two Guns, Bayonets & Cartouch Boxes, belonging to Capt. Bell's Comp'y, 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Paid Michael Striber for halling Guns from the Bettering House & other Hospitals, 8s.

Rec'd 2 Cord of Wood from Mr. Masters.

Gave Nurse Traker for Necessaries, 7s 6.

Gave Robert Skinner of Gen'l Smallwood's Batt., a Flannell Jacket.

Gave to Edmund Inglish, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't, a Blanket.

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Feb'y 5th, 1777.

Paid Andrew Beck, 3s 9.

Drew 4 Days Rations for Traverse Finglade and 4 others, of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n.

Do. for Tho's Turner & Tho's Bailey, 4 Days, 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Paid Thomas Coil for sawing 2 Cord of Wood, at 4s @ Cord, 8s.

Drew Rations for 2 Men five Days, of Gen'l Stevens' Brigade, 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Drew Rations for 5 Men 4 Days, of Col. Lawson's Batt'n, enter'd above.

Drew Rations for Wm. Wilcox, Elis'th McDonald & Sarah Burk, of Capt. Bell's Comp'a, 4th Virg'a Reg't.

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Drew Rations for 36 Back Rations, for Ambrose Gresham, of the Sixth Virg'a Reg't.

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Feb'y 6th.

An order to the Barrack Master for a Load of Wood to Pine Street.

Drew Rations for 10 Men 4 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Paid Michael Striber for Hawling a Load of Wood into Chesnut Street, for 2 Sick men of Capt. Mill's Company, 2s 6.

Paid a Negroe Man for Cleaning Shields' House, £1 2 6.

Rec'd a Gun, Bayonet & Cartoush Box of Robert Burnes, 3d Virg'a. Reg't Capt. Washingeon.

Do. Do. Do. of John Cooper, of Capt. Wallace's Co. 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Drew Rations for Edmund Inglish 3 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Gave Nurse Traker at the Small Pox Hospital, 15s.

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Feb'y 7th, 1777.

Paid Michael Striber for Halling a Load of Wood to Pine Street, 3s.

Drew Rations for 9 men 4 Days, of the third Virg'a Batt'n.

Do. for 8 Men 4 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

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Feb'y 8th, 1777.

Paid Mr. Beck 7s 6.

Paid Mr. Duff, (which was due a month ago,) 10s.

An order for a Coffin for John Potts, a Child of Jesse Potts, in Capt. Ross's Comp'y, in the Continental Army.

Drew Rations for 6 of the 3d, & 6 of the 4th Batt'n, for 4 Days, from 7 to 11th included.

Do. for Tho's Turner & Tho's Baily, 4 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't.

P'd for a Scrubbing Brush 5s.

Drew Rations for 18 Men for 4 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n.

Ditto. for Wm. Bradley, Adam Grouse and wife, 4 days, of Capt. Miles's Batt'n.

Ditto. for John Monroe & John Pritchett, 4 Days, of the 5th Virg'a Batt'n.

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Drew Rations for Traverse Finlade and 3 others, till the 13th Included, of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Rec'd from the Hospital five Muskets, three Bayonets, five Cartouch Boxes, Two Rifles, Pouches & Horns.

Rec'd from Mr. Masters half a Cord Wood.

Rec'd of Tho's Tracy of the Delaware Reg't, a Gun & Bayonet.

Gave Tho's Tracy a P'r of Stockings.

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Feb'y 10th, 1777.

Rec'd 4 Guns & Cartouch Boxes of Sick Soldiers in

Rec'd 2 Do. of each, 1 From a Man enlisted in another Core, and 1 belonging to a Decea's'd Soldier.

Drew Rations for 11 men 5 Days, of the 3d Virginia Reg't.

Do. for Conrad Benebeck, 4 Days, of Col. Lawson's, Capt. Bell's Co.

Do. for Charles Graham of said Core, 4 Days.

Do. for Wm. Wilcox, Eliz'h McDonald, & Sarah Burk, 4 Days, Capt. Bell's Co., 4th Virg'a Reg't, from Yesterday.

Do. for 10 men 4 Days, of Capt. Smith's Co., 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Do. for 7 men 4 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Do. for Edmond English 4 Days, of Capt. Bell's, 4th Virg'a.

Paid Mr. Beck to this Day, Included.

Gave Nurse Traker for Necessaries, 10s.

Rec'd 2 Loads of Wood from Mr. Masters.

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Feb'y 11th, 1777.

Drew Rations for 7 Men 4 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Do. 3 Men 4 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Paid for Halling Wood to Pine Street, 2s 6.

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Feb'y 12th, 1777.

Drew Rations for Wm. Bradley, Adam Grouse & his wife, 3 Days, Col. Miles' Batt'n.

Do. for Tho's Turner & Tho's Baily 4 Days, 4th Virg'a.

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Gave an order for a Coffin for a Soldier in the Hospital in Pine Street.

Drew Rations for 6 of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n, & 5 of the 3d Virg'a Reg't, Pine Street, 3 Days.

Drew Rations for 7 men for 3 Days, of y'e 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Do. for Valentine King 3 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Paid for a Bushell of Indian Meal, 10s.

Rec'd from Mr. Masters, half a Cord of Wood.

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Feb'y 13th, 1777.

Drew Rations for 10 men 3 Days, of the 4th Virg'a R't.

Ditto for Wm. Wilcox, Eliz'h McDonald, & Sarah Banks, 4 Days, of Capt. Bell's Co., 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Do. for Edmond Inglish 4 Days, of said Compa.

Settled with Isabella Redman for Nursing & Boarding.

Do of Capt. Francis Proctor's Co., at 20s ℔ week, 3 weeks, £3 0 0.

Rec'd 2 Load of Wood from Mr. Masters.

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Feb'y 14th, 1777.

Drew Rations for 10 men 4 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Rec'd Three Muskets, One Bayonet, 4 Cartouch Boxes, of Benj'n Terrel, of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Gave John Edingburgh, of the 6th Virg'a Reg't, Capt. Toles' Co., a p'r Stocking.

Gave John & Benj'n Raymond, of Capt. Miles' Compa. of Carpenters, to go to Camp, 7s 6.

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Feb'y 15th, 1777.

Drew Rations for 2 Days for Barnaby Boyde, of Capt. Bell's Co., 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Do. for Valentine King 4 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Do. for 2 men 2 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Do. for Wm. Bradley, Adam Grouse & Wife, 4 Days, of Col. Miles's Batt'n.

Do. for 7 Men 4 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n.

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Gave an order for a Coffin for ——————, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't, in Pine Street.

Paid Thomas Coil for Sawing 3 Cord Wood, 12s 3.

Drew 4 Days' Rations for 5 men of the 3d, & 5 of the 4th Virginia Regiments.

Gave the Nurse of the Small Pox Hospital, for Necessaries, 5s.

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Feb'y 17th, 1777.

Drew Rations for Tho's Baily & Tho's Turner, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't, from 16th to 19th.

Paid for Halling a Load of Wood to Pine Street, 3s 9.

Paid Mr. Beck, 6s 3.

Drew Rations for 6 Men 3 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Reg.

Do. for Lieut. Holmes & 3 Men of the 3d, Do. 3 Days.

Do. for Edmond Inglish 4 Days, Capt. Bell's Co., 4th Virg'a.

Do. for Wm. Wilcox, &ca., 4 of Capt. Bell's, 4 Days.

Do. for 8 Men 4 days, Capt. Lees Co., 3d Virg'a, Reg't.

Do. for John Scott 4 Days, 3d Virg'a Batt.

Do. for Charles Graham 7 Days, Capt. Bells' Co., 4th Virg.

Rec'd from John Harvy & Wm. Gwin, of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n, two Muskets, 1 Bayonet, 2 Cartouch Boxes.

Rec'd from the Widow Cunningham 1 Musket. Returned the 3d. Musket to the owner, March 18th.

Gave an order for a Coffin for a Soldier of Capt. Courtney's Compa.

Gave Mary Commel, Nurse in the Small Pox, Pine Street, 7s. 6.

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Feb'y 18th, 1777.

Paid Nurse Traker Wages, 'till 15th, in full, £1 10.

Gave Tho's Turner of Col. Haslett's Batt'n, David Hall's Compa., a shirt.

Gave Mary Commel, at the Small Pox Hospital, 5s.

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Feb'y 19th, 1777.

Gave an order for a Coffin for John Harvey, of the 4th Virg'a Batt'n.

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Drew Rations for 4 Days for 3 of Col. Miles' Batt'n, W'm Bradley.

Do. for 7 men 4 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Gave Thomas Cragan a Rifle Pouch & Horne, (in Lieu of his Receiv'd by W'm Bellany) of Capt. Ashby's Co., of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Drew Rations for 3 Days, for Tho's Turner & Tho's Baily, of the 4th Virg'a Batt.

Do. for 9 for 8 Days, at the Small Pox Hospital, Pine Street, 4th Virg'a Batt'n.

Gave Mary Commel, Nurse at Pine Street, 7s. 6.

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Feb'y 20th.

Gave to James Wishart, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't, a shirt and p'r stockings.

Drew 4 Days Rations for Lieut. Hemes and 3 privates of Capt. ——— Co., 3d Virg'a Batt'n.

Do. for 5 men 4 days, of Col. Stall's Batt'n.

Do. for 4 men & 2 Women of Capt. Bell's Co., 4th Virg'a Reg't.

Do. for Edmund Inglish, 4 Days, Do. Co. & Reg't.

Do. for 6 men 4 Days, 4th Virg'a Reg't.

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Feb'y 21st.

Ditto for 8 men 4 days, Capt. Lees' Co., 4th Virg'a Batt'n.

Ditto for 2 Men 2 Days, 3d Virg'a Reg't.

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22nd.

Drew Rations for 9 men 4 Days, 6th Virg'a Reg't.

Do. for 3 —— 2 men, 1 woman, 4 days, Col. Miles' Batt'n.

Do. for 2 Men 4 Days, 3d Virg'a Reg't.

Gave Mary Commel, Nurse in Pine Street, for Necessaries, 8s. 9d.

Paid John Roberts, Assistant at said Hospital, 5s.

Drew Rations for Ambrose Gresham, 15 Days Back, Serg't in the 6th Virg'a Reg't.

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Feb'y 23d.

Drew an Order for a Coffin for ———— of the 8d Virg'a Reg't.

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Feb. 24th, 1777.

Drew Rations for 6 men 3 Days, 4th Virg'a Reg't.
Ditto. for 5 men 4 Days, Capt. Bell's Co., 4th Virg'a Reg't.
Ditto for Charles Graham 7 Days, Do. Do.
Do. for Lieut. Hemes & 3 men, 3d Virg'a Reg't.
Gave Nurse Traker, which she had Expended, 2s. 8.
Do. John Cooper at the House in Pine Street, which he had expended during Nurse Traker's absence, 2s. 6.
Do. to Mary Commel, Present Nurse, for Necessaries 5s., In the whole 10s. 2.

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Feb'y 25th.

Drew Rations for 2 Men of the 8d Virg'a Reg't, 4 Days.
Do. for 1 man 6 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Batt'n.
Do. for 2 men 4 days, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't.
Gave Mary Commel, Nurse in the Small Pox, 8s. 9.

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Feb'y 26th, 1777.

Drew Rations for 7 for 8 Days, 4th Virg'a Batt'n.
Drew Rations for 8 for 3 Days, Col. Miles' Batt'n.
Paid And'w Beck, 10s.
Drew Rations 8 Men 3 Days, 4th Virg'a Reg't.
Rec'd of John Dean, a Gun, Bayonet & Cartige Box belonging to J. Simpas, Capt. Booth's Comp'y, Head of Elk.
Paid for Halling Wood to the office, 7s 6.

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Feb'y 27th, 1777.

Drew Rations for 6 men 3 Days, 4th Virg'a Reg't.
Do. for 5 for 3 Days, of Capt. Bell's Co., Do.
Do. for Charles Graham 4 Days, of Do. Do.
Do. for Lieut. Hemes & 2 Men 4 Days, 3d Virg'a Reg't.

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March 1st, 1777.

Drew Rations for 3 men 4 Days, Col. Miles' Batt'n.
Do. for 2 Men 4 Days, of the 3d Virg'a Reg't.
Drew Rations for 1 man 4 Days, Capt. Washington's Co., 3 Virg'a Reg't.
Settled with And'w Beck, and Paid him in full to Yesterday Included, £5 13 9.
P'd Mary Commel, nurse in Pine Street, 2 Week's Nursing, in full to this Day, £1 10.
Paid for Sawing half a Cord of Wood at the Office, 2s 6.
Drew Rations for 9 for 4 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't.

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March 3d, 1777.

Drew Rations for Cha's Graham 3 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't, Capt. Bell.
Do. for Thomas Turner & Tho's Baily, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't, 4 Days.
Do. for 5 men 3 Days, of the 4th Virg'a Reg't.
Do. for 6 men 4 Days, of Do.

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March 5th.

Drew Ration 4 Days for 2 men, 3d Virg'a Batt'n.
Drew Do. for Valentine King, 3d Virg'a Reg't.
Paid Andrew Beck in full £1 17 6.

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March 7th.

Paid for Saw'g Wood at Pine Street, 2s 6.

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March 17th.

Gave Wm. Clow, Drummer in Capt. Brown's Co., Col. Hutchinson (New England) Battalion, who is discharged from the Hospital to go home, 15s.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday March the 4, 1777.

PRESENT:

Thomas Wharton, Junior, Esquire.
John Evans, Esquire.
Jonathan Hoge, Esquire.
George Taylor, Esquire.
John Lowdan, Esquire.
John Proctor, Esquire.

A Quorum of the Supreme Executive Council being assembled, and information thereof given to the General Assembly,

The General Assembly, by a Member, acquainted the Council that they are ready to proceed on an election of a President and Vice-President of the Supreme Executive Council, if the Council shall think fit to join them, And thereupon It was Agreed,

That the Council are ready to join the General Assembly, and proceed to the Election of a President and Vice President of this Council.

Agreed,

That the Council will meet again at the Council Chamber to-morrow Morning at ten o'Clock, and report the proceedings at the said Election.

IN COUNCIL, Philadelphia, Wednesday March the 5, 1777.

PRESENT:

Thomas Wharton, Junior, Esquire.
George Bryan, Esquire.
John Evans, Esquire.
Jonathan Hoge, Esquire.
George Taylor, Esquire.
John Lowdan, Esquire, and
John Proctor, Esquire.

Mr. Evans Reports:

That the Council and General Assembly had, by joint Ballot, duly and fairly elected Thomas Wharton, Junior, Esquire, Presi-

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dent of this Supreme Executive Council, and also duly and fairly elected George Bryan, Esquire, Vice President of the same. That the Speaker, immediately after the Election was declared in the House of General Assembly, had Administered to the President then chosen, the Qualifications required by the Constitution of this Commonwealth; and he also Reports,

That the Council, in conjunction with the General Assembly, had agreed to Publish the said Election at the Court House in this City this day at twelve O'Clock, and to proclaim the President; thereupon Agreed,

That the Council will proceed to the said Publication and Proclamation accordingly, and meet again in the Council Chamber tomorrow Morning at ten O'Clock, and report the proceeding.

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday March 6th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS WHARTON, Esq'r, President.

The Honorable GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, Esquire. Jonathan Hoge, Esquire.
George Taylor, Esquire. John Lowdan, Esquire.
John Proctor, Esquire.

Mr. Evans Reports:

That the Election of the President and Vice President had been Published at the Court House yesterday at Noon; and that at the same time the President was proclaimed by the Stile and Title of "His Excellency Thomas Wharton, Junior, Esquire, President of the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Captain General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the same."

His Excellency the President Administered the Qualifications directed to be taken by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to George Bryan, Esquire, Vice President, who Administered the said qualifications to all the Members of Council then Present, Viz.: to John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, John Lowdan, and John Proctor, Esq'rs.

The Petition of Timothy Matlack being laid before the Council, praying to be appointed Secretary to this Council, Agreed That Timothy Matlack be Secretary of this Council.

Timothy Matlack appeared and took the Affirmation required by the Constitution to Qualify him for his Office of Secretary of this Commonwealth.

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Ordered, That the Secretary procure drafts of Licences for Public House Keepers, and Commissions for the several Officers of Government, for the consideration of the Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday March 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, George Taylor, Jonathan Hoge, Jonathan Lowdan, And John Proctor, } Esquires.

The Resolve of Congress of December 11, 1776, recommending in the following words, Viz't:

"*Whereas*, the just War into which the United States of America have been forced by Great Britain, is likely to be still continued, by the same violence and injustice which have hitherto animated the Enemies of American Freedom; *And Whereas*, it becomes all Public Bodies as well as private Persons, to reverence the Providence of God, and look up to him as the Supreme Disposer of all events, and the Arbiter of the Fate of Nations; Therefore the Congress hereby Resolve,

"That it be recommended to all the States, as soon as possible, to appoint a day of Solemn fasting and humiliation, to implore of Almighty God the forgiveness of the many Sins prevailing among all Ranks, and to beg the countenance and assistance of his Providence in the Prosecution of this just and necessary War. The Congress do also, in the most earnest manner, recommend to all the members of the United States, and particularly to the Officers, Civil and Military, under them, the Exercise of Repentance and reformation; and further do require of the said Officers of the Military Department, the strict observation of the Articles of War in general, and particularly that of the said Articles, which forbids Profane swearing and all other immoralities; of which all such Officers are desired to take Notice. It is left to each State to issue out Proclamations, fixing the day that appear most proper for their several bounds; 'being laid before the Council, and the same being considered;' thereupon,

"*Ordered*, That Thursday the third day of April, be appointed for the said purpose. A Draft of a Proclamation thereof being laid the Council, was read and approved, and is in the words following, Viz't.

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"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"*Whereas*, the Hon'ble the Continental Congress, pointing out to Public bodies, as well as private persons, the duty of reverencing the Providence of God, and looking up to him as the Supreme disposer of all events, & the Arbiter of the fate of Nations; did, on the 11th day of December last, resolve to recommend to the several States the appointment of a day of Solemn Fasting and Humiliation, to implore of Almighty God the forgiveness of the many Sins prevailing among all Ranks, and by the countenance and assistance of his Providence, in the prosecution of the most just and necessary War into which the United States have been forced by Great Britain, and which is still likely to be continued by the same violence and injustice that has hitherto animated the Enemies of American Freedom, and did, also, in the most earnest manner, recommend to all the members of the United States, and particularly to the Officers, Civil and Military, under them, the exercise of Repentance and reformation, leaving it to each State to fix on such day for the same as may be most proper for its bounds:

"We, therefore, do hereby recommend to all the People of this Commonwealth, to observe and keep Thursday the third day of April next, as a day of Solemn Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer, for the purposes before mentioned, of which the inhabitants of this State are desired to take notice.

"*Given* in Council, under my hand and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this Seventh day of March, in the Year, &c., 1777.

"THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

"Attest—T. MATLACK, Sec'y.

"GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH."

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the same be Published in all the Papers, English and German, and that Five Hundred Copies be struck off and forwarded by the earliest opportunity to the distant parts of the State, Three Hundred English and Two Hundred German.

Adjourned to Monday next, Three O'Clock, Afternoon.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Monday March 10th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOMAS WHARTON, jun., Esq'r, President.

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, George Taylor, John Lowdan, } Esquires.

John Proctor, Esq'r, and John Hubley, Esq'r, Counceller elect for the County of Lancaster, appeared in Council and took the Oaths required by the Constitution to Qualify him for the said Office, and thereupon took his seat at the Board.

The Petitions of Mathew Clarkson, Paul Fooks, Steiner & Clst, Simon Dricebach, divers Officers of the Putnam Galley, & James Smith, were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Secretary purchase Burnes' Justice, and Blackstone's Commentaries, for the use of the Council.

The Council of Safety representing to this Council That the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars is immediately wanted for the Paying of the necessary Current expence of the War, and request the same may be put into their hands:

Thereupon Ordered, That Mr. Evans and Mr. Hubley wait on the Honorable House of Assembly, and inform them of the said Application.

Mr. Evans & Mr. Hubley Report:

That they had waited on the Honorable House of Assembly, and informed them of the application to this Council from the Council of Safety for a supply of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, and that the House were pleased to say they would take the same into their consideration.

Adjourned to Ten O'Clock to-morrow Morning.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Ma'r 11, 1777, P. M.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, John Hubley, Jonathan Hoge, George Taylor, John Lowdan, John Proctor, } Esquires.

Mr. Parker and Mr. Bennet, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, appeared in Council and informed the Board

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That the House had taken into consideration the application of the Council of Safety for a Sum of Money, And as that body must of necessity continue to act for some time longer, the House recommended to the Supreme Executive Council to apply to Congress for the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, to be put into the hands of the Council of Safety, to be accounted for by them.

Francis Trumble proposing to the Council to give security for the appearance of a certain Joseph Werra (now a Prisoner in this City on a charge of having grieviously beaten a certain ———) at the next Court of Quarter Session, to be held at, then and there to answer the said charge.

Ordered, That Mr. Evans take the said Bail, the Principal in the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and

A Letter from His Excellency General Washington, to the Council of Safety was laid before the Council.

Adjourned to half after Three P. M.

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Consideration of the Commissions, Licenses, &ca.

Adjourned to-morrow Morning, 10 O'Clock.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday March 12, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r President.

The Hon'ble John Evans, George Taylor, John Proctor, Jonathan Hoge, John Lowdan, and John Hubley, } Esquires.

The Petition of Giles Hicks, praying that some Provision be made from himself and others, the Orphan Family of William Hicks, deceased, in the appointment of a Person to the Offices of Prothonotary, Recorder, &ca., of the County of Bucks, as the same had been by Richard Penn, Esq'r, under the late Government, was read and ordered to lie on the Table for Consideration.

The Petition of Wm. Lyon, Esquire, praying to be appointed Prothonotary of Cumberland County, was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of Wm. Lyon, praying to be appointed Prothonotary of the County of Cumberland, having been again read, was taken into consideration, and thereupon Agreed,

That William Lyon, Esquire, be appointed Prothonotary of the County of Cumberland, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

Adjourned to half after Three O'Clock afternoon.

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A Return of the Sheriffs and Coroners elect for the County of Bucks, being made to the Council, was now read, by which it appears that John Thompson and Garrat Dungan were duly elected to serve as Sheriffs, and Benjamin Fell and Robert Ransey were duly elected to serve as Coroners; and the said John Thompson & Garrat Dungan attending at the door, were introduced to the Council, and offered their service in the Sheriff's office; and they having retired,

Ordered, That John Thompson be appointed High Sheriff of the County of Bucks, and that on his giving the security required by Law, He be Commissioned accordingly.

Ordered, That Benjamin Fell be appointed Coroner of the County of Bucks, and that on his giving the Security required by Law, he be Commissioned accordingly.

The Secretary of the Council of Safety, by order of the said Council, laid before the Board the list and arrangement of the Officers of the twelve Battalions of this State:

Arrangement of the Field Officers of the Twelve Pennsylvania Regiments in the Continental Service, Viz:

First Regiment.

Colonel, Edward Hand; Lieutenant Col., James Ross; Major, Henry Miller.

Second Regiment.

Colonel, James Irwin; Lieutenant Col., Jonathan Jones; Major, William Williams.

Third Regiment.

Colonel, Joseph Wood; Lieutenant Colonel, Thomas Craig, Major, Josiah Harmer.

Fourth Regiment.

Colonel, Lambert Cadwalader; Lieutenant Col., Wm. Butler; Major, Marien La Mar.

Fifth Regiment.

Colonel, Francis Johnson; Lieutenant Col., Percifer Frazier; Major, Thomas Robison.

Sixth Regiment.

Colonel, Robert Magaw; Lieutenant Col., Henry Becker; Major, Samuel Benezet.

Seventh Regiment.

Colonel, William Irwin; Lieutenant Colonel, David Greer; Major, Samuel Hay.

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Eighth Regiment.

Colonel, Daniel Broadhead; Lieutenant Col., Richard Butler; Major, Stephen Bayard.

Ninth Regiment.

Colonel, Ant'y James Morris; Lieutenant Col., George Nagel; Major, Mathew Smith.

Tenth Regiment.

Colonel, James Chambers; Lieutenant Col., Adam Hubley, ju'r; Major, Caleb North.

Eleventh Regiment.

Colonel, Richard Humpton; Lieutenant Col., Francis Gurney; Major, Francis Mentzes.

Twelfth Regiment.

Colonel, William Cook; Lieutenant Col., Neigel Gray; Major, James Crawford.

Rank of the field officers of the twelve Pennsylvania Regiments in Continental service:

Colonels.

1. Robert Magaw,
2. William Irwin,
3. Edward Hand,
4. James Irwin,
5. Lambert Cadwalader,
6. Francis Johnson,
7. Anthony James Morris,
8. Joseph Wood,
9. Richard Humpton,
10. William Cook,
11. Daniel Broadhead,
12. James Chambers,

Lieutenant Colonels.

1. George Nagel,
2. Francis Gurney,
3. Henry Becker,
4. Thomas Craig,
5. Neigle Gray,
6. Percifer Frazier,
7. David Greer,
8. Richard Butler,
9. James Ross,
10. William Butler,
11. Jonathan Jones,
12. Adam Hubley.

Majors.

1. Francis Mentzes,
2. James Crawford,
3. Mathew Smith,
4. Henry Miller,
5. William Williams,
6. Thomas Robison,
7. Samuel Benezet,
8. Josiah Harman,
9. Marien La Mar,
10. Stephen Bayard,
11. Caleb North,
12. Samuel Hay.

Captains.

1. Patrick Anderson,
2. James Marshall,
3. John Nice,
4. Matthew Scott,
5. James Francis Moore,
6. John Spears,
7. John Clark,
8. Robert Gray,
9. John Robb,
10. John Carnagan.

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First Lieutenants.

1. Joseph Findley,
2. Thomas Johnson,
3. Jacob Mace,
4. Thomas Boyd,
5. Joseph Brownlee,
6. William Moore,
7. George Haffner,
8. Jacob Schneider,
9. George Geiger,
10. James Wiley.

Second Lieutenants

1. James McMichael,
2. John Gregg,
3. Samuel Henry,
4. Ambrose Crane,
5. William Harris,
6. William M'Cracken,
7. John Vanpelt.

Ensigns.

1. Peter Boyle,
2. Robert Gregg,
3. James Bickham,
4. John Parks,
5. James Dugan,
6. Joseph Collier,
7. John Vanwinkle,
8. Patrick Fullerton,
9. Joseph German.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday March 13th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS WHARTON, jun., Esq., President.

John Evans, John Hubley,
Jonathan Hoge, George Taylor, and } Esquires.
John Lowden, John Proctor,

The Council taking into consideration that the Civil Department of this Commonwealth requires great attention, and will for some time fully employ them to discharge the duties thereof, and that it is also of great importance that a due attention be still paid to the War which we are engaged in; *Therefore Resolved*, That A Board of War for the Land Service of the State, consisting of Nine Persons, be appointed, and have full Power and authority to do and perform all matters and things necessary in the said department, subject, nevertheless, to the direction and examanation of this Council from time to time, as we may deem expedient, and saving to ourselves always the power of appointing officers, agreeable to the constitution of this Commonwealth; *Thereupon Resolved*, that David Rittenhouse, Owen Biddle, William Moore, Joseph Dean, Samuel Morris, Senior, Samuel Cadwalader, W. Corris, John Bayard, George Gray, and John Bull, Esquires, Be a Board of War, and that they, or any three of them, be Commissioned and empow-

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ered to Act agreeable to the foregoing Resolution, the commission to continue in force untill revoked by this or a future Supreme Executive Council; And a Commission being made out accordingly, the same was Signed by the President: *Thereupon Ordered*, That Mr. Hubley administer to the several members of the Board of War the qualifications required by the Constitution of this State, for the faithful discharge of their office.

The Council also taking into consideration the necessity of appointing a Navy Board: *Thereupon Resolved*, that a Navy Board, consisting of Eleven Gentlemen, to be appointed, and have full power and authority to do and perform all Matters and things Relating to the Navy of this State, subject nevertheless to the directions and examinations of this Council, from time to time, as we may judge expedient, and saving to ourselves always the power of appointing Officers, agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth; *Thereupon Resolved*, That Andrew Caldwell, Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, Emanuel Eyre, Robert Ritchie, Paul Cox, Samuel Massey, William Bradford, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Samuel Morris, Jun'r, and Thomas Barclay, be a Navy Board, and that they, or any three of them, be Commissioned and empowered to Act agreeable to the foregoing Resolution; the Commission to continue in force until revoked by this or any future Supreme Executive Council; And a Commission being made out accordingly, the same was signed by the President; Thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Hubley administer to the several Members of the Navy Board, the qualifications required by the Constitution of this State, for the faithful discharge of their Office.

"*Resolved*, That the Board of War be directed to apply to Congress for the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, to be accounted for by this State."

The Council met.

PHILAD'A., Saturday March 15th, 1777. P. M.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

John Hubley,
George Taylor,
Jonathan Hoge,
John Lowdan, and
John Procter,
} Esquires.

Mr. Fitzsimmons and Mr. Ritchie, from the Navy Board, were introduced, and presented a Memorial respecting the Oath or Affirmation of Office, with the Minutes of the said Board, which was Read, viz.:

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"*The Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"Gentlemen:

"By the Minutes of this Board, which we have the Honor to inclose, you will perceive that Nine Members present have resolved not to take the oath or affirmation of allegiance tendered to them by a member of your Honorable Board. We do not apprehend that the reasons on which our dissent are founded is expected, but we think it necessary to make known to your honors that we are willing and ready to take an Oath of Allegiance to the United States, as well as the Oath of Office; And that We are extremely desirous of rendering every service in our power to this State, in any Capacity in which we can be useful.

"We are, with great Respect, Gentlemen,

"Your most Obed't Humb'le serv'ts,

"ANDREW CALDWELL,
"ROBT. RITCHIE,
"MANUEL EYRE,
"THOMAS BARCLAY,
"THOMAS FITZSIMMONS,
"WM. BRADFORD,
"JOSEPH BLEWER,
"SAMUEL MASSEY,
"PAUL COX,
"JOSEPH MARSH.

"State Navy Board, March 14, 1777."

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State Navy Board, March 14, 1777.

PRESENT.

Ten Members.

Mr. Hubley, from the Supreme Executive Council, having tendered to the Members of this Board the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance prescribed by the 40th Section of the Frame of Government formed by the late Convention of this State, it was agreed to take the sense of the Members on that Subject, and the question being put, there appeared Against it,

ANDREW CALDWELL,
ROBERT RITCHIE,
MANUEL EYRE,
THOMAS BARCLAY,
JOSEPH MARSH,
THOS. FITZSIMMONS,
WILLIAM BRADFORD,
SAM. MASSEY,
PAUL COX.

To take the Oath or Affirmation,

JOSEPH BLEWER.

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"Whereupon:

"*Ordered*, That a Copy of this Minute be sent to the Council, with an Address expressive of the attachment of this Board to the Independence of America, and their readiness to serve this State on any occasion.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"CORNELS SWEARS, Sec'y.

Divers Evidences respecting the burning of the Powder Mills at French Creek having Been examined in the presence of Mr. Beck, one of the Powder Makers, and on the whole there appeared no proof sufficient to justify The imprisonment of any of the persons taken on the suspicion of firing the said Mills; thereupon:

Ordered, That Mr. Beck and his Workmen be discharged.

A Remonstrance of Divers Officers of the Tenth Battalion, respecting the arrangement of the Officers of that Battalion, was read in Council.

Ordered, That the said Remonstrance lie on the Table for Consideration.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday March 17, 1777, P. M.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

John Hubley, George Taylor, Jonathan Hoge, John Lowdan, and John Procter, } Esquires.

A Letter from Henry Fisher, dated Lewis Town, March 14th, 1777, was received from the Board of War, informing that two of the Enemie's Ships and a Sloop, came into our Road the 11th Instant.

Ordered, That the same be laid before Congress.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday March 19th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOMAS WHARTON, jun., Esq'r, President.

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Hubley, George Taylor, Jonathan Hoge, John Lowdan, and John Procter, } Esquires.

The Remonstrance of the Officers of the Tenth Battalion was read; thereupon,

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Ordered, That Mr. Lowdan and Mr. Proctor confer with the Board of War concerning the Arrangement of Officers against which the said Remonstrance is made. Mr. Lowdan & Mr. Proctor Report, that they had conferred with the Board of War on the said Remonstrance, and the Board of War give for reason of their Conduct, that they apprehend, from the best information They can obtain, that Captain Shade is not well qualified to act as Major. The Board taking into consideration the appointment of Judges, thereupon Agreed That Mr. Hubley and Mr. Taylor attend The Honorable House of Assembly, and request them to fix the Salary of the Chief Justice and the Assistant Judges of the Supreme Court before they are appointed. Whereupon Mr. Parker and Mr. Brown, from the Assembly, attended the council, and informed the Board that the Honorable House of Assembly had taken into consideration the Salary to be allowed the Judges respectively, And had Agreed that the Chief Justice be allowed a Sallary at the Rate of One Thousand Pounds per Annum, and that the Assistant Judges be allowed at the Rate of Five Hundred Pounds per Annum.

A Letter from His Excellency William Livingston, Esq., Governor of the State of New Jersey, relating to the Prisoners, &c., date April 3d, 1777:

"Dear Sir:

"Our State not having delivered yours from the Prisoners contained in the List enclosed in your favor of the 26th of March, (which I received but this day,) has affected me with singular concern. The difficulty of knowing how to dispose of them when they arrived here, has procrastined the Affair and given me great anxiety. This will, I hope, apologize for having so long put you to the trouble of keeping them in that durance in which they were consigned without the Agency of this State, But as General Forman is now daily expected, who I am informed, is able to point out their several delinquencies, or to direct us to persons who can, I have sent Lieutenant Smith with a Guard to receive them from your State, and sincerely acknowledge our obligation to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for securing such a number of Miscreants, at a time when it was not in our power to apply the same remedy against the Evolutions of their Treason and Rebellion against the United States of America.

"I am Sir, your most
"Obed. h'ble serv't.
"WIL. LIVINGSTON.

"Hon. Tho's Wharton, Jun., Esq'r, President, Etca."

The same was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday March 20th. 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans,	John Hubley,	Esquires.
George Taylor,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Lowden,	John Proctor,	

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Hubley be Authorized to employ as many of the Hessian Prisoners as he may find occasion for. The Council taking into consideration the appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth, and thereupon Agreed that Joseph Reed, Esquire, be appointed Chief Justice of the said Commonwealth.

The Council taking into consideration the appointing Sheriffs & Coroners of the several Counties, which have sent in the returns of the Gentlemen elected to serve in these Offices respectively; And thereupon,

Order'd, That

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Friday March 21st, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y, THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble. GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r., Vice President.

John Evans,	John Hubley,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	George Taylor,	
John Lowdan,	John Proctor,	

Ordered, That Twenty-Six Rifles and two smooth bore Guns, now in the hands of Colo Lochry's Battalion of Militia, be purchased and put in the hands of the said Archibald Lochry, Lieut. of the said County, for the use of the Militia of that County.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Archibald Lochry, Esq'r, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-nine Pounds, Ten Shillings, for the above mentioned Twenty-eight Guns. On consideration,

Ordered, That Samuel Morris be appointed Register of Philadelphia County, and Commissioned accordingly. Dan'l Levan, Jun'r,

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Esq'r, Sheriff elect for the County of Berks, now offers Baltzer Gehr & Daniel Hunter, of the said County, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the Duties of his Office of Sheriff of the said County, according to Law, which this Council approves. On consideration,

Ordered, That Daniel Levan, Jun'r, be appointed Sheriff of Berks County, and Commissioned accordingly; That Sam'l Morris be appointed as Register of the City of Philadelphia, and Commissioned accordingly; That Archibald McLean be appointed Prothonotary of York County, and Commissioned accordingly; That John Piper be appointed Lieutenant of the County of Bedford, and Commissioned accordingly; That John Armstrong as Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland and Commissioned accordingly; That Joseph Hart be appointed as Register of Bucks County, and Commissioned accordingly; That Robert Lovers be appointed Prothonotary of Northampton County, and that he be Commissioned accordingly; That James Benezet be appointed Prothonotary of the County of Bucks, and that he be Commissioned accordingly; That Archibald McLochry be appointed Prothonotary of the County of Westmoreland, and that he be Commissioned accordingly. The Prothonotary's Commission granted to Mr. Lochry for Westmoreland, is with the express condition that, on General Sinclair's returning to the County, and requesting to have the Office confirmed to him, that Colonel Lochry resign, which condition Colo. Lochry agrees to. On consideration,

Ordered, That Robert Galbraith be appointed prothonotary of the County of Bedford, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday March 22d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y, THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, George Taylor, Jonathan Hoge, John Lowden, and John Proctor. } Esquires.

On consideration,

Ordered, That John Hubley be appointed Prothonotary for the County of Lancaster, and he be Commissioned accordingly; That William McClay be appointed Prothonotary for the County of Northumberland, and that he be Commissioned accordingly; That John Morris, jun'r, Esq'r, be appointed Master of the Rolls for the State of Pennsylvania, and that he be commissioned accordingly. A Rep-

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resentation from the Board of War of the small number of which it now consists, and requesting an additional number of Members, being now made to the Council; Thereupon,

Ordered, That

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A Circular Letter was written to the Prothonotarys of each County in the State, requesting them to take the security required by Law to be given by the Sheriffs respectively.

Ordered, That Benjamin Jacobs (Son of the Speaker) be appointed Prothonotary of the County of Chester, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

John Morris, jun'r, appeared, and took the Qualifications required by the Constitution to Qualify him to act as Master of the Rolls for the State of Pennsylvania.

Robert Galbraith appeared, and took the Qualifications required by the Constitution to Qualify him to act as Clerk of the Orphans' Court.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Monday March 27, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, John Lowdan, and John Hubley, John Proctor. } Esquires.

Petition of Robert Patton, praying relief from abuse he has suffered by ill-treatment of his family, and insult to his Person, by General Dehaas, &ca., Viz.:

"*To the Honourable the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.*

"*The Petition of Robert Patton, of Lebanon, in Lancaster County, Humbly Sheweth:*

"That your Petitioner is a Freeholder and inhabitant of the said Town, and a Captain of the Second Battalion of Militia of Lancaster County, and during the present dispute with Great Britain, has, to the utmost of his power, contributed to the support of the American cause, and served with his company in New Jersey for seven Weeks, untill discharged by Gen'l Mercer; That your Petitioner being lately on Business in Virginia, during his absence Gen. Dehaas sent a Sergeant to his wife, ordering her to remove out of the House Your Petitioner dwelt in, that he might make a Store House of it; That Your Petitioner's Wife not knowing where

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to remove to with her family, refused, altho' a second message was sent by the Sergeant; That Your Petitioner, upon his return home, being informed of the same procedure, incensed at such arbitrary conduct of the General, in endeavoring to drive his family out of his House without the least colour of right, expressed his indignation and resentment in the strongest Terms, in the hearing of many persons, some of whom acquainted the General with it; That the same day, To Wit: The Eleventh day of March, instant, The said Gen'l Dehaas came, with a guard of Soldiers, to your Petitioner's House, entered the same, and arrested Your Petitioner, and carried him to the Guard House, without being charged with any offence; That from the Guard House your Petitioner was afterwads taken by a Captain to the General, who, upon his acknowledging the words he had spoken of him, ordered your Petitioner to be put in Irons, which was done as soon as these Irons could be procured, and Your Petitioner remained in that situation for an Hour and a half; That Your Petitioner being ordered by the General to be sent to Head Quarters, applied to John Thorn, Esq'r, and by his influence was admitted to Bail, and accordingly entered into Bond, with Securities in the Sum of one thousand Pounds, for his appearance before his Excellency Gen'l Washington, To answer Whatever charges Gen'l Dehaas should exhibit against him. Your Petitioner most humbly conceives, that by this arbitrary and tyranical proceedings of Gen'l Dehaas, not only he is greatly injured and aggrieved, but the liberties of the inhabitants of this state endangered, and their civil rights trampled on; And as he cannot as yet obtain satisfaction in the ordinary course of Law for the particular injury done to himself, he thinks it his duty to represent these matters to Your Honours, being ready to verefy by due proofs of the facts alledged, that so dangerous and alarming an attempt to subvert the Civil Authority, and subject the Inhabitants to Military Law, may not escape unpunished, and he will pray.

"ROBERT PATTON."

The petitioner being duly sworn in Council, deposeth and saith, That the several matters and things contained in the foregoing Petition is the Truth and the Whole Truth.

Mar. 24th, 1777.

Being read, Ordered to lie on the Table for consideration.

Mr. Patton was examined in support of his allegation against General Dehaas.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday March 25, 1777, A. M.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans,	John Hubley,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	George Taylor,	
John Lowdan,	John Proctor,	

The Petition of Mr. Lochry, praying to be appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court, was read. Mr. John Orndt appeared, and took the Qualifications required by the constitution to Qualify him to act as Register and as Recorder of Deeds for the County of Northampton. Mr. Thomas Tayler appeared, and took the Qualifications required by the constitution to Qualify him to act as Register and as Recorder of Deeds for the County of Chester.

Ordered, That Mr. George Campbell be appointed Prothonotary for the County of Philadelphia, and that he Commissioned accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Mar. 26, 1777, A. M.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans,	John Hubley,	Esquires.
John Lowdan,	Jonathan Hoge,	
George Taylor,	John Proctor,	

Jacob Weaver being brought the Council as a disaffected Person, and a Letter from Col. Francis Johnson, charging him with having expressed sentiments inimical to the American cause, being read; Thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Weaver give Bond, with one or more securities, for his appearance before this Board.

The Representations of divers Officers of the 10th Battalion being read and considered,

Ordered, That the Arrangement of Officers of the Tenth Battalion be adhered to, and the Officers Petitioning attending at the door, were introduced, and informed of this determination.

Robert Burton, Leatherbury Barker, William Bagwell, William Millbey, Prisoners from the Delaware State, having given security to the said State for their appearance at the General Quarter Session of the Peace, &c.; Thereupon,

Ordered, That they be discharged.

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Mr. Robert Levers appear'd, and took the Qualifications required by the Constitution of this State to Qualify him to act as Prothonotary for the County of Northampton, and received his Commission, dated this 26th of March, 1777.

On motion, agreed that Mr. Robert Levers be appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the County of Northampton.

On motion, agreed That Mr. Walter Shee be appointed Tonnage Officer, &ca., agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

Archibald McClean, Commission as Prothonotary, Register, and Recorder of Deeds, dated March 27th, 1777, for the County of York.

Robert Levers, Commission as Prothonotary of the County of Northampton, dated March 21st, 1777, and his Commission of Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the said County, dated March 27th, 1777.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday March 27th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun., Esq'r, President.

John Evans,	John Hubley,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	John Lowdan,	
George Taylor,	John Proctor,	

Francis Bayley, the Coroner elect for the County of Lancaster, appeared, and took the Oath required by the Constitution of this State to qualify him for the said Office.

A Representation from the State Navy Board, acquainting the Council that Captain Eayres' boat was fitted out for the Protection of the Salt Works at Tom's River, and waited for Orders, was now read; and thereupon,

Ordered, that the State Navy Board give the necessary Orders to Captain Eayres for the Protection of the Salt Works on Tom's River.

Mr. Rithchie & Mr. Fitzsimmons, from the Navy Board, attended the Council, and laid a State of divers Naval affairs before the Board, Vizt:

"STATE NAVY BOARD, March 27th, 1777.

"Gentlemen:

"Fully impressed with the weight of Business that in the Commencement of your Office must have been thrown upon you, and desirous to render what services we could to our Country, we have not waited for any instructions respecting the duties of this board, but have, as well as in our power, gone through the Business that has come before us. Many things, however, has occurred which

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we think it our duty to lay before you, and we hope you will with your first convenience take them into your consideration, and give us such advice and instructions respecting them as you shall seem proper. One of our first duties was to enquire into the State of the Vessels and Boats belonging to this Commonwealth, which we are very sorry to inform Your Honours, is not in the good condition we could wish, most of them requiring repairs or alterations and many of them shamefully deficient in their complement of Men. From the enquiries we have made into the reasons of these deficiences, it appears to us that some part might have been remedied had the Officers exerted themselves as they ought; but at this Time it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to get them manned without your interposition; for it cannot be expected that Men will enlist themselves in this Service at the Wages allowed by the State, When Seamen in the merchants' Service, can get from Fifteen Pounds to Eighteen Pounds P'r Month, and Landsmen from Ten To Twelve pounds; We would, therefore, recommend to your most serious Consideration, whether it would not be for the Public good to lay an Embargo, to prevent any Vessels Sailing from this Port for a few days, or until the Armed Vessels intended for the Service of the State can be put into a better Condition: with due Submission to your better Judgments, we apprehend a measure of this kind would have many good advantages, as well to the general cause, as to the State in particular. The late Council of Safety of this State appointed John Hazlewood, Esquire, Commander-in-Chief of the Fire Vessels, Boats and Rafts belonging to the State, subject, however, to the Commodore of the Fleet for the time being; Captain Hazlewood has lately informed us that, though he is heartily disposed to render every service in his power to the State, he does not choose to continue subject To the orders of the present Commodore of the Fleet or any of the Captains, who, in case of accident, may succeed him; but if it should be thought consistent, would wish to have the entire direction of that part of the Armament. How far his desire ought to be complied with, we submit to you, but we think it great importance that it should be immediately determined; and in justice to Capt. Hazlewood, must say he appears To have great Merit in his department. There are at present some Officers wanting in the Fleet; we should be glad to know whether any recommendations for such appointments is expected from us, and whether the Warrant Officers are to be appointed by the Council. Some account have been brought to us, and more, we expect may, of services performed or Contracts made previous to our appointment. We are apprehensive a great loss may arise to the State if the settlement of such accounts are thrown upon us, who are totally unacquainted with the transactions, and have no Books or documents of the Council to refer to; on that account we conceive it would be more eligible to appoint a Committee for the purpose of settling all Accounts previous to our appointment. We find that there is a

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great number of Men at present employed in throwing up works at Billingsport, which we should not presume to take notice of, but, as we think, it will very materially effect the defences prepared for this River, as far as we have been able to learn. These Works are meant to be upon so extensive a plan, that it will be impossible to compleat them in time for this Season. The Military people say, if the whole was complete the Post is not tenable. We pretend to no judgment in these matters, but as we know this business is much talked of, we beg leave to recommend it to your Consideration, whether any temporary works erected there could not be easily turned to the annoyance of the Vessels; and if so, Whether it should not be discontinued. These things we have thought it necessary to represent to you, and we conceive this mode will take up less of your time than any other. We shall hope for directions in consequence, as you may think proper, and are, with great respect,

"By order of the Board, Gentlemen,

"Your most Obed't humble Servant,

"WILLIAM BRADFORD, Chairman.

"Hon'ble the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

A Petition from Levi Hallingsworth, representing the State of the Salt Works at Turtle Gut inlet, and offering the same to sale, was presented and read; Thereupon,

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Friday March 28th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans,	John Hubley,	Esquires.
Johnathan Hoge,	George Taylor,	
John Lowdan,	John Proctor,	

A Representation from the Navy Board respecting the present situation of the Navy, was laid before the Council, and the same being considered; *Thereupon, Agreed*, That the Navy Board be requested to recommend such Commissioned Officers as may be necessary for the approbation of this Council, and that the said Board do appoint The Warrant Officers; That a Committee be appointed to Settle the Accounts, which may be done out of the Navy Board and War Office. *Agreed*, That the Navy Board be requested to at-

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tend the Council at 7 O'Clock this Evening, to confer with us on the subjects of their representations delivered yesterday.

On motion, Agreed, That James Benezet, Esq'r, be appointed Clerk of the Orphan's Court for the County of Bucks, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

The Council took into consideration the return of Justices for the City of Philadelphia, as elected by the Freeholders of several of the Wards, &ca.; and thereupon, *Agreed,* That James Young, John Ord, Joseph Redman, sen'r, Isaac Howell, George Henry, Plunket Fleeson, Benjamin Pascall, and Philip Bœhm, be Commissioned to Act as Justices of the Peace, &ca, for the said City.

Ordered, That a Dedimus potestatem be issued, impowering James Young, Esq'r, to Qualify the Magistrates and other Officers of this City and Libertics.

Ordered, That a Dedimus Potestatem be issued, impowering James Benezet, Joseph Kirkbridge and Samuel Smith, or any one or more of them, to Qualify the Magistrates and other Officers in the County of Bucks.

Mr. Samuel Morris, the Elder, Mr. Owen Biddle, and Mr. Joseph Dean, from the Board of War, attended, and represented the necessity of increasing the number of Members at that Board, several of the Gentlemen appointed to that service having left the State.

Mr. Fitzimmons, Mr. Bradford, and Mr. Massey, Mr. Coxe, Mr. Marsh, and Mr. Blewer, of the State Navy Board, attended the Council.

Return from Mr. Bradford and Mr. Nevill of the state of the Old Gaol.

Ordered, That it be recommended to the County Commissioners.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, March 29th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, George Taylor, Jonathan Hoge, John Lowdan, and John Proctor, } Esquires.

Mr. John Simpson appointed Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds in the County of Northumberland, produced a certificate of his having given security for the faithful performance of his trust in the said Office, and having taken the qualifications directed by the Constitution, he was Commissioned accordingly.

On motion, agreed, That Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, be appointed Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

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The Council took into Consideration the returns of justices for the County of Berks, Lancaster, and Chester, and thereupon,

Ordered, That Henry Christ, Jacob Shoemaker, James Read, Daniel Heister, Peter Spycker, Jacob Weaver, John Ludwig, Benj'n Shott, Chris'r Schultz, Samuel Ely, Jacob Waggoner, Dan'l Rotherwiell, and John Old, Be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Berks, and were Commissioned accordingly.

A Draft in favor of Gibbs Jones on the Treasurer of the State, was issued for the Sum of Seven Pounds, seventeen Shillings and six Pence for Candles, purchased for the use of the Council.

Mr. William Stewart, Commission dated October 18th, 1777, Peter Hoofnagle, Esq'r, attended in Council, and took the Oaths required by the Constitution to Qualify him for the execution of the offices of Register and Recorder for the County of Lancaster, and Received his Commission. Robert Smith attended, in like manner, and took the Oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to act as Sheriff for the County of Chester, and received his Commission.

Colo. Antill laid before the Council a Resolve of Congress.

A Letter was written To Mr. Reed, requesting him to return and take the Qualifications.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday April the 1st, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

John Evans, John Hubley,
Jonathan Hoge, George Taylor, and } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor,

On motion,

Ordered, That A writ be issued for electing a Councellor to represent the County of Bedford in this Council, to be returned on the twelfth of May next, The writ to be directed to Thomas Coulter, Cornelius M'Cawley and George Ashman, Esq'rs, of that County.

On motion, agreed That Joseph Redman, Sen'r be appointed Clerk of the Market of this City.

Letter from Mr. Campbell declining to take the Oaths.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday April 2d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

John Evans, George Taylor, John Hubley, John Lowdan, and John Proctor, } Esquires.

A representation being made to the Council that Mrs. Galloway was apprehensive of her being insulted by the populace on account of the Conduct of her Husband; Thereupon Ordered, That the Sheriffs and Magistrates of the County of Berks exert themselves for the preventing any insult which may otherwise be offered to Mrs. Galloway, or injury to her effects.

On motion, agreed that William Atlee, Esq., be appointed one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth.

John Connolly, a prisoner confined in the Goal of this City, be permitted to retire to the Plantation of James Ewing, Esq., giving security himself in Two Thousand Pounds, and Two Freeholders in One Thousand Pounds each, this Security being given for his good behaviour, and that he will continue within five Miles of the same, viz: That John Connolly do not either write to, speak or Correspond with any person or persons whatsoever, employed by or under the Authority of the King or Parliament of Great Britain, nor to or with any person or persons unfriendly to the United States of America, knowing them to be such, nor take up Arms, or employ or procure any other person or persons to take up Arms against the said States, or aid or assist the Enemies thereof in any sort whatsoever, nor do or say any matter or thing, directly or indirectly, which in any wise is or may be injurious to the said States or any of them: And that the said John Connolly do confine himself on the Plantation of the above named James Ewing, and within five Miles of the said Plantation, situated in the County of York, and the same whereon the said James Ewing now dwells, and that he, the John Connolly, shall be and appear before the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth, when thereto he shall be required, then the above obligation shall be void, or otherwise remain in full force and virtue.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Friday April 4th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Honorable GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans,	John Hubley,	Esquires.
George Taylor,	John Proctor,	

A Letter from the Hon'ble John Handcock, Esq., President of Congress, enclosing a Letter from His Excellency General Washington, containing Intelligence from the Enemy at New York, was laid before the Council.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Letter from General Washington be immediately sent to the Board of War.

Ordered, That Expresses be immediately sent to Northumberland and Cumberland Counties, with the Sub-Lieutenants' Commissions.

The Continental Board of War laid before the Council The examination of James Molessworth, who was executed as a Spy.

Ordered, That the Secretary write To Richard Tea, Esq'r, and request his attendance in Council.

On motion, Agreed, That James Reed, Esq'r, be appointed Prothonatory of the County of Berks, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

On motion, Agreed, That Walter Shee be appointed Collector of the duties of Tonnage.

Agreed that a Prothonatory for the County of Chester be chosen by ballot; and Benjamin Jacobs was elected and appointed Prothonatory of the County of Chester.

Agreed that Jonathan Bayard Smith be appointed Prothonatory of the City and County of Philadelphia, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

Mr. Isaac Hazelhurst represented to the Council that a Sum of Money, the property of Robert & N. Hyde & Company, of Manchester, had been lodged in his hands by William Wild, and that he had given a bond to the Committee of Inspection of Philadelphia, to be accountable to this Council for the said Money, and Prays that the said Bond may be Cancelled.

Colo. Francis Gurney, who was acquainted with that transaction, being called before the Council and examined, and there appearing no sufficient reasons for detaining the said Money any longer; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bond be delivered up to Mr. I Hazlehurst.

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The Petition of Capt. Blewer, Mr. Milton, Mr. Gardner and Doctor Phile, were read.

On motion, Agreed that a Naval Officer be balloted for; whereupon, Doctor Frederick Phile was chosen and appointed Naval Officer for the Port of Philadelphia.

A General Commission of the Peace for the County of Chester was issued this day, dated the 31st March, 1777, and the Dedimus Potestatem for the same County was also made out, dated April 10th, 1777.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday April 5th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, Esq'r President.

John Evans, George Taylor, Jonathan Hoge, John Lowdan, and John Proctor, } Esquires.

On motion, Agreed, That Richard Bache, Esq'r, be added to the Board of War.

Agreed that the Delegates of this State apply to Congress to call out the Militia of Pennsylvania, that the sense of Congress be taken on the Number necessary, and for how long time; And as the Militia has lately been out, and many of them are disgusted that the Non Associators of this State have not yet been compelled to contribute any thing towards the Association, or in support of the American cause, and that some of the Associators have screened themselves from the service of the last Campaign; And they complain very heavily that the burthen lays entirely on those who are willing to go forth: there is also great complaints of some of the Militia being obliged to go home without their Pay; the opinion of Congress is desired whether a Bounty ought not to be given, and how much.

Frederick Phile appeared and took the Oaths required by the Constitution of this State, to Qualify him for the Naval Office; thereupon,

Ordered, That a Commission be made out to Frederick Phile, as Naval Officer for the Port and District of Philadelphia.

Mr. Jonathan Bayard Smith acquainted the Council that the Representatives of this State desired a conference with the Council, which the Council agreed to, and Mr. Morris, Mr. Robberdeau, Mr. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clymer, were introduced into the Council Chamber. They laid before the Council the information received by Congress respecting the probability of

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Gen'l Howe's intention of marching across New Jersey to this City.

Gen'l. Armstrong having resigned by Commission as Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland; Thereupon,

Agreed, That Ephraim Blaine, Esq'r, be appointed and Commissioned as Lieutenant of the said County of Cumberland.

On motion, Agreed, That John Armstrong, Esq'r, be appointed first Brigadier General for the State of Pennsylvania. Agreed, That John Cadwallader, Esq'r be appointed second Brigadier General of the State of Pennsylvania. Agreed, That James Potter, Esq'r be appointed Third Brigadier General of the State of Pennsylvania. Agreed, That Samuel Meredith, Esq'r, be appointed Fourth Brigadier General of the State of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the Brigadier Generals be immediately Commissioned.

The Board of War informed the Council that the Hundred Thousand Dollars borrowed of Congress, and put into their hands, is expended, and that there are many of the Troops prevented from Marching, and the Recruiting and other Public Business interrupted for want of Money, and therefore, they request a Supply of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars; thereupon,

Agreed, That the Board of War of this State be empowered to apply to Congress for the Sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose aforesaid.

Mr. Hubley, Representative in this Council for the County of Lancaster, presented to the President a resignation of his Seat in Council; thereupon,

Ordered, That a Writ be immediately made out and directed to the Sheriff of the County of Lancaster, authorizing and commanding him to hold an Election for the choosing a Councellor in the room of Mr. Hubley; on motion,

Agreed, That John Hubley, Esq'r, be appointed Prothonotary of the County of Lancaster, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

Agreed, That John Hubley, Esq'r, be appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the County of Lancaster, and that he be Commissioned accordingly. John Hubley, Esq'r, appeared and took the Qulifications required by the Constitution to Qualify him for the said Offices: he was Commissioned accordingly.

The Navy Board presented a List of Officers, whom they recommended to be Commissioned on Board the Navy, as follows: Fire Sloop Etna, Capt. William Clerk; Fire Brig Volcano, Lieut. William Rogers; Fire Ship Strombulo, Lieut. James McKnight; Arnold Battery, 1st Lieut. Thomas Fell; Effingham, 1st Lieut. James Kirk Patrick; Thunder Guard Ship, Capt. Francis Gilbert; Dragon Do., Capt Benjamin Thompson; Lyon Do., Capt. Henry Martin; Resolution Do., Capt. William Lyell; Repulse Do., Capt. John Harrison; Argus Do., Capt. Nathanl. Galt; Viper Do., Capt. Stephen Beasley.

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Agreed, That the Officers recommended by the Navy Board be appointed & commissioned accordingly.

On motion, Agreed, That the Delegates of this State in Congress

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday April 7th, 1777.

Present His Excell'y. THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor, }

On motion, Agreed, That Colo. John Shee be added to the Board of War.

Messrs. Steiner & Cist laid before the Board their Accounts of Printing Work done, Amounting to the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Four Pounds nine shillings; and thereupon, An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State for the said Sum.

On motion, Agreed, That Paul Fooks, Esq'r, be appointed Notary and Tabellion Public for the English, French & Spanish Languages, and Interpreter of the same.

Walter Shee appeared and took the Oath of office required by the Constitution to Qualify him for the Office of Collector of the duty of Tonnage.

On motion, Agreed, that John Creigh be appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the County of Cumberland, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

John Connolly having given Bail for his good behaviour & appearance before the Council when called upon, was ordered to be enlarged.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday April 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor, }

Paul Fooks appeared and took the Oath of Office required by the Constitution, to qualify him to act as Notary Public, according to appointment of this Board.

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Cole. Coats applied to Council for John Norris, (a Son of William Norris,) a lad of fifteen Years, taken with Major Stockton, and now in our Goal, requesting that he may be liberated, on the father's engaging to see him forth coming when called for. Agreed that he be liberated accordingly.

Mary Taylor, Wife of John Taylor, of the Township of Ridley, in the County of Chester, complained to the Council of a violent assault, committed against her yesterday by Thomas Forrest, (formerly a Servant of Alexander Kidd,) he presenting at her a gun, which she understands was loaded, and that she is afraid he will do her some bodily hurt; and she being sworn to the said facts, thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Thomas Forrest be committed to Goal, untill he finds Security to keep the Peace.

William Dewees, Esq'r, late Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, laid before the Council an Account of the Fees due from a number of persons, delivered to the order of the late Council of Safety.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Board of War.

On motion, Agreed, That Jacob Plankenhorn be appointed the Officer for inspecting of Flour for the City & County of Philadelphia.

On motion, Agreed, That David Rittenhouse, Owen Biddle, Joseph Dean, Richard Bache and John Shee, be appointed and Commissioned to act as a Board of War for this State.

Petition of John Ord praying to be continued Notary Public, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That John Ord be appointed a Notary Public, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer of the State, Viz:

An order in favor of Timothy Berrett, for the Sum of Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings, for Candlesticks, &c., purchased for the use of the Council.

An order in favor of Robert Bell, for the Sum of Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings, for Books, &ca, purchased for the use of the Council.

An order in favor of Michael Boyer, for the Sum of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings, for riding several times as an express for Council.

Richard Tea, Esq'r, Councellor for the County of Berks, sent in a Resignation of his Seat; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a Writ be immediately issued for electing a Councellor for the County of Berks, in the room of Richard Tea, Esq'r.

The Petition of John North and Caleb North, Two lads taken in New Jersey, being laid before the Council, and their case being taken into Consideration; thereupon,

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Ordered, That on Account of their Youth they be enlarged, and the Secretary write to Gov'r Livingston, recommending their case to his consideration.

On motion, Agreed, That a Commission be given to William Atlee, Esq'r, to hear and enquire concerning certain charges against Joseph Richardson, said to be confined in the Goal of Lancaster, for certain misdemeanor, and to take Bail for his appearance to answer such charge, or otherwise, as to him shall seem just.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday April 9th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Honb. GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor, }

Joseph Reed, Esq'r, attended the Council, and informed them that some conditional engagements to Gen'l Washington, which he had entered into some time ago, were of such a nature that until some movements of the Enemy were made, and their designs in some measure known, and for some other reasons, he could not at present accept the appointment, but that he held himself bound to do everything in his power for the Interest of his Country, and as the Council intended an adjournment, he would consider farther of the matter & fix his resolution on this subject, &ca.

The State Navy Board sent in a recommendation of Two Officers of the Navy, Viz: Brigantine Convention, first Lieu't Douglas Spence. Battery Putnam, 2d lieu't George Myers.

Agreed, That the Paymaster of the Pennsylvania Fleet be allowed Captain's Pay.

Ordered, That Lieut. Douglas Spence, and Second Lieut. George Myers, recommended by the Navy Board, be Commissioned accordingly.

The Secretary of the Board of War laid before the Council a draft by Congress on John Gibson, Esq'r, Auditor General, in favor of this Council, for One Hundred Thousand Dollars, date yesterday.

Ordered, That the same be made payable to John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer to the Board of War.

Mr. Clymer, Mr. Robberdeau, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wilson, attended and laid before the Council a Letter from General Putnam, dated Yesterday, respecting the motions of the Enemy.

Agreed, That Two Members of the Board of War of this State be requested to attend the Council.

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Mr. Dean and Mr. Shee, from the Board of War, attended, and the Intelligence received from Congress being communicated to them; On consideration,

Agreed, That the Council will this Evening confer with a Committee of Congress on the measures necessary to be taken on the present occasion, and that Two Gentlemen of the Board of War, and Two from the Navy Board, be requested to attend in the said consultation.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday April 10, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor. }

Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, having declined to act as Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia; thereupon,

Agreed, That James Reed, Esq'r, be appointed Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, and that he be Commissioned accordingly.

Agreed, That James Reed, Esq'r, be appointed Sub-Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, in the room of George Henry, Esq'r.

Richard Tea, Esq'r, having resigned his Seat in Council; thereupon,

Ordered, That a writ be issued to the Sheriff of the County of Berks, requiring him to hold an Election for choosing a Representative of the said County in this Council, and make return thereof to this Council on the 12th of May next.

A Letter of the Eighth instant, from Gen'l Putnam, at Princetown, was read.

Ordered, That a Copy of said Letter be delivered by the Delegates of Pennsylvania to the Executive Council of the said State.

The following Resolution of Congress was laid before the Council:

"In Congress, Wednesday April 9th, 1777.

"*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to consider what steps are proper to be taken by Congress, and recommended by the State of Pennsylvania, for opposing the Enemy if they should attempt to penetrate through New Jersey, or to Attack Philadelphia; That the said Committee be instructed to confer on these

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subjects with the Executive Power of the State of Pennsylvania, and with the General Officers now in Philadelphia.

"The Members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Clark, and Mr. J. Adams.

"Extracts from the Minutes.

"CHARLES THOMPSON, Sec'y."

On motion,

Ordered, That the following Address to the Public be immediately published and dispersed:

"In Council, Philadelphia, April 9th, 1777.

"*To the People of Pennsylvania:*

"By the intelligence which the Council have this day received from General Putnam, the Enemy are in motion toward South Amboy, and it is probable they will once more attempt to pass through New Jersey, and endeavour to gain possession of Philadelphia. The Council think it a duty which they owe to the Public, to give them the earliest intelligence of the movements of the Enemy, that every possible effort may be made effectually to oppose them, and prevent the many great inconveniences and disagreeable consequences which must arise from the loss of the City, consequences which will effect not only the People of Philadelphia, & the State of Pennsylvania, but also the whole Continent of America. This City has been once saved by the vigorous, manly efforts of a few brave Associators, who generally stept forward in the defence of their Country, and it has been repeatedly and justly observed, and ought to be acknowledged as a signal evidence of the favour of Divine Providence, that the lives of the Militia, in every Battle during this just War, has been remarkably spared; confiding, therefore, in the continuance of his blessing who is indeed the God of Armies, let every Man among us hold himself ready to march into the field whenever he shall be called upon so to do; if the Enemy really intend to make an attack on this State, no time should be lost; every moment should be employed in putting ourselve in perfect readiness to repel them.

"The inconveniencies which naturally and unavoidably will arise from the Militia taking the field, induseth The Council to wait as long as may be consistent with the Safety of the State, before they call them to Arms. In Justice to yourselves and posterity, we entreat you to be ready, for whenever the time shall come wherein you must either tamely submit yourselves to the immediate insults of haughty Tyrants, whose lust and avarice will make a prey of every thing which human beings, while they retain their senses, esteem worth possessing, or bravely determine to oppose your enemies in the field. The notice will be short. The call must and will be sudden, and it is too probable, may happen in a few days. The Militia of this State, it is feared, cannot be arranged under the

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Law, in time for the present emergency. Yet, we have not the least doubt but that the same spirit of Liberty which blazed forth in the Winter Campaign, will animate every virtuous breast to act once more on the same generous principles, which in the depth of Winter led you forward to a harvest of Glory on the Hills of Princetown. The cause is the same, and the Prize we contend for far from losing its lustre, is become more valuable to Us, by the price we have already paid for it. Those who shall go into the field on the present occasion, will be considered as having taken their Tour of duty, and will not be called upon again untill the Whole Militia of the State shall have served in turn, agreeable to the Spirit of the Militia Law. Congress propose to form a Camp near the City of Philadelphia, to which the Militia of Pennsylvania will, when called upon, repair. Arms, Tents, and the necessary Camp Equipage, are provided, and the utmost attention will be given to the measures necessary to make a Spring Campaign as agreeable to you as possible. It is your own virtue and firmness, next to the care and protection of Heaven, that you must depend for your Liberty and Safety, and a spirited conduct in the time of danger will fix your character both at home and abroad.

"THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, *President.*"

On motion, Agreed, That James Galbraith be appointed Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland in the room of Ephraim Blaine, who declines serving.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of John Evans, Esq'r, for the Sum of Fifty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Six Pence, for Thirty days' attendance, and Mileage forty-five Miles, at Ten pence p. Mile.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of Jonathan Hoge, Esq'r, for the Sum of Sixty-Eight Pounds Seven Shillings & Six Pence, in full for his attendance as Councellor, and Mileage one Hundred and Eleven Miles, at Ten pence p Mile.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of John Lowdan, Esq'r, for the Sum of Eighty-five Pounds One Shilling and Eight Pence, in full for his attendance as Councellor, and Mileage one Hundred and Seventy Miles, at Ten pence p Mile.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of John Proctor, Esq'r, for the Sum of Ninety Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six Pence, in full for his attendance as Councellor for Sixty-Three days, and Mileage for Two hundred and Eighty-four Miles, at Ten pence p Mile.

Mr. Gunning Bedford and Mr. Thomas Nevil having examined the Old Goal of this City, and reported to the Council that considerable repairs were necessary; thereupon,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Commissioners to have the necessary repairs made immediately.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday May 6th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor, }

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State for the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes and purchasing Blankets, in favor of Colo. Lacey, to be charged to Colo. Kirkbride, Lieutenant of the County of Bucks.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday May 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor, }

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State, for the Sum of Five Pounds, in favor of John Contzat, for riding Express four days.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday May 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor, }

James Reed, Esq'r, appeared before His Excellency and took the Qualifications required by the Constitution to Qualify him to act as Prothonotary of Berks County.

A Commission was issued to John Ord, Esq'r, as Notary and Tabellion Public for this State, dated April 8th, 1777.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday May 9th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans. Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor, }

Six Blank Commissions were sent to the Navy Board.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday May 12th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor, }

An order was this day drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, for the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds, in favor of Colo. Coates, to Pay the Militia one Month's advance.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday May 16th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Lowdan, John Proctor, }

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State for the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, in favor of Robert L. Hooper, Junior, for the purpose of Paying for blankets and procuring Substitutes in the County of Northampton, to be charged to Colo. Jonn Wetzle, Lieutenant of the said County.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, in favor of Colo. Coates, Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia, for the Paying of Substitutes, purchasing of Blankets, and advance of Pay to the Militia, to be accounted for by him.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday May 20th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Proctor,

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday May 21st, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Proctor,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State, for the Sum of Eight Hundred Pounds, in favor of Colo. Lacey, to be charged to Colonel Kirkbride, for the purpose of paying substitutes and purchasing Blankets in Bucks County.

Colo. Bull and Mr. Whitehill, a Committee of the House of Assembly, attended the Council, and informed them that the House of Assembly were now met and ready to proceed to business.

A Certificate of the appointment of Jas. McDowell, a Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland, in the Room of Rob't McCoy, deceased, was laid before the Council.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday May 22d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State, in favor of Jacob Morgan, jun'r, Esq'r, for the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds, to be charged to Colo. Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Berks, to be applied in purchasing of Blankets and Paying substitutes in the County of Berks.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Jonathan Hoge, Esq'r, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be charged to Colo. James Galbraith, Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland, to pay for Blankets and procure Substitutes in the said County.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday May 23d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday May 24th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
John Evans, Jacob Morgan, and Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Coats, for the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds, to be applied to purchase Blankets & procure Substitutes in the County of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday May 29th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
John Proctor, John Bailey, Esquires.

Generals Armstrong and Potter attended in Council.

Generals Armstrong and Potter recommended an application to the Lieutenants to expedite their proportion of Militia being sent to the places of Destination. President orders that the several Lieutenants be written to on this Subject.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday June 2, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires,
John Proctor, John Bailey, }

Mr. John Bailey, Councellor Elect for the County of Lancaster, attended in Council, and took the Qualifications required by the constitution, to qualify him for a Seat in Council; and thereupon took his Seat accordingly.

Mr. Bayard, the Speaker of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, Colo. Bull, Mr. McClean, Colo. Moore and Colo. Coats, a Committee of the House of Assembly, attended in Council, and informed the Council that the House had been called upon by Congress to complete the Quotas of Troops which this State were to furnish to the Continental Army, and requested that the Council will furnish the House with an Account of the Men furnished by this State in consequence of the requisition of Congress; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Board of War be requested to make a return to the Council as soon as possible, of the number of men furnished by this State to the Continental Army, according to the requisition of Congress.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday June 3d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, John Bailey, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, John Proctor, }

Colo. Bradford and Captain Bluer, from the Navy Board, attended and informed the Council that the Bridge over Schuylkill was now so nearly completed that Waggons may pass over it, and also, that the Navy Board are in want of Money.

Mr. Parker & Colo. Lallor, a Committee of Assembly, attended and laid before the Council a Memorial of the Officers of the Pennsylvania State Regiment, and wherein they complain that by the appointment of John Bull, Esq'r, to the command of the Pennsylvania State Regiment, The said Memorialists are very much aggrieved; And also the Memorial of Major Francis McCurry, of the same Regiment, complaining that Capt. Morrow, an officer of inferior Rank, had been advanced over his head.

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A Petition of a number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Borough of Lancaster, addressed to the General Assembly of Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, and to the Hon'ble the Executive Council for said State, setting forth the great inconveniencies which that Borough labor under, from the want of Magistrates and Borough Officers, and praying that the Honorable House of Assembly and Supreme Executive Council will provide a remedy, was read.

Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Biddle, Colo. Shea, and Colo. Dean, from the Board of War, attended in Council, and represented that the Treasury was exhausted, and the demands for it very large; That they are informed there is in the hands of the Trustees of the General Loan Office near Fifteen Thousand Pounds, which they apprehend may be borrowed for the present emergency, to be replaced as soon as the Money now in the Press is ready to be emitted. And that the State Battalion and the Battalion of Artillery are found to be a very great expence to the State, and it appears to them may and ought to be put into Continental Pay, as part of the Quota required of this State by Congress. That the Expence of the Gun Factory and the Cannon Foundery established in this State, has been and still continues to be very great, and as the Continent is now reaping the advantage of these institutions, the Board of War propose that both of them be delivered into the hands of Congress.

Ordered, that application be made to the Hon'ble House of Assembly, requesting the House will order the Sum of Money now in the hands of the Trustees of the General Loan Office, be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, to serve the present emergency, until the money now in the Press is ready to be issued, the same to be replaced as soon as the Money appropriated by the House for the Disbursements of Council is ready to be issued.

Ordered, that Mr. Evans and Mr. Hoge lay the foregoing Resolve before the Hon'ble House this Afternoon.

It appearing that John Henry, one of the Magistrates appointed for the Borough of Lancaster is dead, and that Mr. Shafner, Magistrate elect, declines serving in that Office; thereupon,

Ordered, That Michael Hubly and John Hobson be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Lancaster, and that they be Commissioned accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of Mr. Beeks, for the sum of Seven Pounds ten Shillings, in full for six days Express riding.

His Excell'y the President issued a Warrant to any Constable to assist the Lieutenant, Sub-Lieutenant, and their Officers, in collecting Blankets.

The Council took into Consideration the returns of Justices made by the Several Districts of Northampton County, & thereupon appointed 1st Robert Frail; 2d Peter Texell, the elder; 3d Nicho-

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las Depui; 4th Christopher Waggoner; 5th Jacob Murray; 6th Felix Lyn; 7th John Ardut; 8th Henry Fullert; 9th Thomas Sillyman; 10th Thomas Hartman; 11th Benjamin Dupui; 12th Samuel Rea; 13th William McNair; 14th Lewis Strachery; 15th Manuel Gonsoles; 16th James Vauahan; 17th David Deshler; 18th Frederick Lembech; 19th Matthias Probst; 20th Peter Moyer; 21st Jacob Horner; 22d Daniel Snyder; 23d Nicholas Kern; to be Justices of the Peace for the said County of Northampton, and commissioned accordingly.

Colo. Galbraith having now made application for Arms for the Militia of the County of Lancaster, now called into Service; thereupon,

Ordered, That all the Arms of the County of Lancaster belonging to the State be immediately delivered into the Hands of Col. Bartram Galbraith, Lieutenant of the same County, for the purpose of Arming the Militia of that County, which are now called into Service.

His Excell'y the President laid before the Council three Strings of Wampum, which had been delivered to him some time before by Thomas Green, a Nominal Indian of the Nation, requesting that a Flag of the United States might be delivered to him, to take to the Chiefs of his Nation, to be used by them for their Security & protection, when they may have occasion to visit us, their Brethren, And that His Excell'y had referred him to Congress for an Answer to his request.

The Council met.

"PHILAD'A, Wednesday June 4th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, John Bailey, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, John Proctor. }

Robert Levers, Robert Traill and Peter Trexler, Esq'r, or any one of them, were appointed to Qualify the Justices of the County of Northampton, and ordered to be Commissioned for that purpose accordingly.

The following Resolve of Congress was sent up to the Council, Viz.:

"In Congress, June 3d, 1777.

"*Resolved*, That the Board of War be directed To furnish the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania with such Arms as may be necessary for the use of such of their Militia as are

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now called into Service, and which cannot otherwise be supplied, the said State to be accountable. And, That it be strongly recommended to the said Council to make use of the most effectual means, that the Arms so furnished may be returned to the Commissary General of Military Stores, or to one of his Deputies. Extract from the Minutes.

"CHARLES THOMPSON, Sec'y."

An order was drawn on the Continental Board of War, for One hundred and fifty Stand of Arms, to be delivered to Colo. William Coats, Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia, agreeable to the foregoing Resolve of Congress.

The Hon'ble House of General Assembly sent to the Council, by their Clerk, the following order, To Wit:

"Gentlemen:

"By virtue of a Resolve of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania made this day, I hereby order you to Pay to David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of this State, the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, which will be replaced in your hands by the mode prescribed by the said Resolve.

"I am, Gentlemen,

"Your humble Serv't,

"JOHN BAYARD, Speaker.

"In General Assembly, June 4, 1777.

"To Samuel Preston Moore, Amos Strettel, Abram Chapman, Humphrey Marshall, and Moses Brihton, Esq'rs, Trustees of the General Loan Office of Pennsylvania."

Colo. Proctor is requested to deliver the said order to Mr. Rittenhouse, and inform him that the Council desire he will apply to the said Trustees for the said Money as soon as possible, as the Council will have occasion to draw upon him for several Sums of Money immediately.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday June 5, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Evans, John Baily, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, John Proctor, }

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of Col. Joseph Hart for the Sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds,

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to be charged to Colo. Joseph Kirkbride, Lieutenant of the County of Bucks, to be applied in the purchasing Blankets and Arms, and for paying of Substitutes in said County.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. William Coates for the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, to pay the Militia, &ca, of the County of Philadelphia, for which he is to Account.

The following orders were also drawn on the Treasurer of the State, Viz: In favor of Michael Boyer, for riding express, the Sum of Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings; In favor of Frederick Weer, for riding Express, the Sum of Five Pounds; in favor of George Friend, for riding Express, the Sum of Ten Pounds; In favor of John Bird, for riding Express, the Sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings; In favor of Robert Irwin, for Wood, part of which was used by the Assembly, the Sum of Twenty Pounds; In favor of James Smither, for State Seal, lesser Seal of the State, and engraving the same, the Sum of Eight Pounds; In favor of Adam Beck, for riding Express, the Sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings; In favor of George Gentner, for Riding Express, the Sum of Twelve Pounds Five Shillings.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Bartram Galbraith, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Lancaster, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to be applied in raising the Militia of that County, and purchasing of Blankets, &ca, for which he is to Account.

On Motion, agreed unanimously, that Brigad'r Gen'l John Armstrong be appointed a Major General, and Commissioned accordingly.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Friday June 6th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Baily, Jonathan Hoge, John Proctor. } Esquires.

The Petition of Walter Hall, Esq'r, was laid before the Council, Wherein he complains that a certain John Lynch, who is indebted to him to the Amount of upwards of Five Hundred Pounds, is about to depart this State without Paying the said Debt, or giving security for the same; and as the courts of Justice are not yet open, he finds himself under the necessity of applying in this way to the Council, in hopes that some measures may be adopted to prevent the said Lynch from departing out of the State, without first giving security for the Payment of this Debt, or otherwise satisfy him for the same.

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Ordered, That this Petition be laid before the Hon'ble House of Assembly, and that it be recommended to their consideration the propriety and expediency of passing a Law to compel persons about to depart the State to pay their Just Debts, or otherwise to satisfy their Creditors, by giving security before a Justice of the Peace, or otherwise this Law to have force until the Prothonotary's Office in each County in the State Respectively, shall be opened, and the Laws in these respects made, have their force and effect.

Doctor Gardner & Mr McClean, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council, and informed the Board that the House having received from them some intimation of the propriety of turning over the State Battalion, and the Battalion of Artillery, had taken that subject into their consideration, and were disposed to attend to any plan for this purpose which the Council shall lay before them.

The Council took into their Consideration the returns made by several of the Districts of the County of Philadelphia; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a General Commission of the Peace, &ca, be made out, and that the Names of the following Gentlemen be inserted therein, viz: Samuel Ashmead, George Bryan, James Young, John Moore, John Ord, Jonathan Paschall, Joseph Redman, Sen'r., Peter Evans, George Heary, Plunket Fleeson, Isaac Howell, Benj'n Paschall, Seth Cee, Andrew Knox, John Knowles, David Todd, Philip Boehm, Zebulon Potts, and John Richards.

The State taking into consideration the State of the Provincial Land Force, and the following Letter to the Hon'ble House of Assembly being read, was Agreed to, signed by the President, and sent to the Speaker of the House, Vizt:

"In Council.

"PHILAD'A, June 6th, 1777.

"The House taking into consideration the very great expence this State has been at, and which is likely to continue, altho' the utmost economy should be used whilst we are obliged to oppose the Tyranny of Great Britain, think it our Duty to represent to Your Hon'ble House, that as the Troops in the Pay of this State have been, and no doubt will continue to be of General Advantage to the United States, and as the Hon'ble Congress has allotted Twelve Regiments to be raised by Pennsylvania, and has called for a return of the Regiments, in order to know how far we are deficient in the number required of us, it is our opinion it will be prudent to put into the Continental Service and Pay, the Battalion now called the State Battalion, which has been raised chiefly out of the remains of the Battalion lately under the Command of Colo. Miles and Colo. Atlee, the Regiments of Artillery under the Command of Colo. Proctor, and a Company under the Command of Capt. Pugh, raised

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for guarding the Powder Mills. The Council of Safety, we understand, were induced to raise these troops in order to provide for the unfortunate Officers who were released from the Enemy, and that the said Council might have some Forces under their Command for the defence of the State, until General Washington should be able effectually to oppose the Enemy, which time we hope, with the Assistance of Providence, is now come. The expence that will attend the support of the Fleet fitted out for the defence of the River, should we be obliged to pay it, that of sinking the Chevaux de Frize, and the incidental expences of the State, will be very heavy. We therefore recommend to the Hon'ble House to instruct the Delegates of this State to settle this matter in Congress, in such a way as your Hon'ble House may judge most likely to answer a good purpose.

"I am, &ca.,

"Hon'ble JOHN BAYARD, Esq'r,

"Speaker of the General Assembly."

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to write to Thomas Taylor, Esq'r, Register and Recorder of the County of Chester, to enquire Whether he has received the Papers and Records belonging to those Offices, and to inform him that if he has not, the Council expects he will use the means pointed out by the Law passed for such purposes, if they be necessary, to gain possession of them, as it is of great importance to the Public that they be under the direction of the proper Officers.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday June 9th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Baily, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
John Proctor,

Mrs. Stockton, wife of Major Stockton, applied for leave to attend her Husband, who is confined in Goal, and indisposed, and leave was given her so to do.

Daniel Clymer, Esq'r, attended the Council, and laid before them some reasons tending to prove that Joseph Richardson, now confined in Lancaster Goal on a charge of counterfeiting, &ca, ought to be admitted to Bail, which he is ready to give. The Council agreed to take the matter into their consideration, and inform Mr. Clymer of their determination.

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The petition of James Claypoole, praying to be appointed Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia, the Sheriff elect having declined to act, was presented and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Benjamin Fell, Coroner elect for the County of Bucks, appeared in Council, and was Qualified according to the direction of the Constitution, and ordered to be Commissioned accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A., Tuesday June 10th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r., Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, John Proctor, Jno. Bailey, & } Esquires.

Joseph Kirkbride, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Bucks, applied for money to pay substitutes, purchase Blankets, &ca., in the County of Bucks; *thereupon*,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Kirkbride, for the Sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds, for the aforesaid purpose.

An order was also drawn on the Continental Board of War, for Fifty Stand of Arms, to be delivered to Colonel Joseph Kirkbride.

Captain Blewer and Paul Coxe, from the Board of War of this State, applied in the name of the said Board for a Sum of Money for the Payment of the Navy; whereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of the Chairman of the Navy Board, to be accounted for by that Board to John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r.

Mr. James McLean and Dr. Gardner, a Committee of General Assembly, attended in Council and laid before them the following Minutes of General Assembly, Viz:

"In General Assembly, Monday June 9th, 1777.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That Mr. Parker and Mr. McClean be a Committee to wait on His Excell'y the President and Executive Council; that this House is in hopes to get through the business now before them by the end of this Week; That before the House adjourns, they are desirous of confering with them upon the State of Public Affairs of this Commonwealth, and if the Council concurs with the House in their opinion of the expediency of such a conference, de-

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sire they would fix a proper time for it, and give notice thereof to the House."

The said Committee of Assembly also laid before the Council a plan of removing the Citizens with their effects out of the City, and requested the opinion and advice of Council; thereupon,

Ordered, That Colo. Henry be requested to attend the Board this Afternoon, Three O'clock, to inform the Council of the State of the Militia of the City.

The Clerk of the General Assembly laid before the Council the Minutes of the House of the 6th instant, and of this day, by which it appears that Will'm Henry is appointed Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, and Ephraim Bonham and William Simple are appointed Sub Lieutenants of the said City.

Ordered, That they be Commissioned accordingly, their Commissions to bear date on the day of their respective appointments.

Ordered, That a dedimus be made out, authorising and empowering James Young and Seth Quee, Esq'r, to administer to such Officers as have been or may be Commissioned by this Council, the Oaths of Affirmation required by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to Qualify them to perform their Offices respectively.

Application being made by the Board of War of this State for a Sum of Money put into the hands of their Commissary, and for other purposes, An order was drawn on the Treasurers of the State in favor of the Chairman of the said Board of War, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds.

Colo. Morgan, Lieutenant of the County of Berks, attended the Council, and requested to be furnished with One hundred and Fifty Stand of Arms; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Continental Board of War for One hundred and fifty Stand of Arms, to be delivered to Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Berks, and also One Thousand Five Hundred Flints.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of the aforesaid Colo. Morgan, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

The Council having taken into consideration the returns of Justices from the several Districts of the County of Northumberland, Agreed, That the following Gentlemen be Commissioned as Justices in the said County, Viz: Samuel Hunter, Thomas Hewitt, Robert Crawford, John Weitzel, Robert Martin, Michael Troy, John Livingston, Samuel Allen, John Aurand, William Shaw.

Ordered, That Samuel Hunter and Tho's Hewitt be Commissioned to administer to the Justices of the County of Northumberland, the Oaths or affirmations required to be taken by them by the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

The Townships of Bald Eagle and Muncy not having made their returns according to Law, Justices for these Townships not to

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be appointed until legal Elections are held and returns made for these Townships; of which the Secretary is desired to acquaint the Representatives of the County of Northumberland.

Mr. Egar and Mr. Dunwiddee informed the Council that Charles Lukens, Sheriff elect of the County of York, declines serving in that Office.

The Council took into consideration the returns of Justices elected in York County, and Agreed, That the following gentlemen be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of York, and Commissioned accordingly, Viz: David McCannaughy, Richard McAllister, William McClean, William Scott, William Lea, David Jameson, Josiah Scott, William Smith, Sam'l Ewin, David Watson, John Chamberlin, Andrew Thompson, John Hinkle, John Harbach, Robert Stephenson, Archib'd McClean, James Nailor, Thomas Douglas, Dan'l Messerly, Benja. Pedan, Joseph Reed, Thomas Fisher, John Mickle, jun'r.

Ordered, That Archibald McClean, David McCannaughy, and William Scott, be appointed and Commissioned to administer to the Justices, &ca, of the County of York, the Oaths or Affirmations required to be taken by the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday June 11th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,
Jonathan Hoge,
John Proctor,
} Esquires.

Colo. William Henry attended the Council, & he was requested to Summon the Sub-Lieutenants and direct them to exert themselves to Arrange the Militia of the City of Philadelphia, and hold them in readiness, effectually to oppose the enemy on the shortest notice.

The Speaker of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly having informed His Excell'y the President, that the House desired a Conference with the Council, And his Excellency now laying the same before the Board, Agreed, That the Council will meet the House in conference this Afternoon at 3 O'Clock.

Benja. Brannon, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Chester, informing the Council that there were several Companies of Artillery Men formed in that County, and requested that they may be furnished with a Piece of Artillery proper for exercising the

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Men, and also a few Pounds of Powder for practising the Firings with;

Ordered, That Colo. Sam'l Mifflin be requested to deliver to Colo. Brannon a proper Piece of Artillery for exercising a Company, and Twelve Pounds of Powder.

On motion, Agreed, That James Young, John Ord, Plunket Fleeson, Isaac Howell, and Philip Boehm, be appointed Judges of the City Court, and Commissioned Accordingly.

On Motion, Agreed, That John Haley, Esq'r, be appointed Clerk of the said Court and Commissioned Accordingly.

The Council being informed of a Dissatisfaction among some of the People, at the present frame of Government, Agreed that the following representation be made to the General Assembly, to wit:

"*To the Hon'ble the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met:*

"*The Supreme Executive Council of the said Commonwealth beg leave to represent:*

"That they are sorry to find the present Constitution of this State so dissatisfactory to any of the well affected Inhabitants thereof, and would gladly concur in any suitable and safe measure for the removal of this uneasiness; That they are of opinion this might be greatly attained by taking the sence of the Majority of the Electors throughout the Counties on the important Question, whether a Convention be holden at some proper time to reconsider the frame of Government formed by the late Convention? That to fix the exact mode of obtaining the mind of the Majority on this subject, most properly belongs to their Representatives; That the Council hope that if some suitable mode of advising & getting the People at large to declare themselves, and if this were advised and published at this time, great ease and relief would be thereby given to some persons who are dissatisfied as aforesaid; and that unanimity in the common cause, so necessary at this time, will be promoted.

"By Order of Council.

"THOMAS WHARTON, jun., President.

"Council Chamber, Philad'a June 11th, 1777."

Ordered, That Mr. Hoge deliver the same to the Speaker of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly.

The Council took into Consideration the returns of Justices for the County of Westmoreland, and Agreed to appoint the following Gentlemen for Justices of the said County, Viz: Edward Cook, John Guthrey, Charles Forman, John More, James Marshall, Christ'n Truby, Philip Rogers, Joseph Huston, Robt. Adams, James Bair, Hugh Martin, Jas. McGarraugh, John Beard, Andrew Robb, Robt. Richy.

Ordered, That they be Commissioned accordingly.

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Ordered, That a Dedimus potestatum be issued to Archibald Lucky, Edward Cook, and John More, of the County of Westmoreland, to administer to the Justices of the said County the Oaths or Affirmations required to be taken by them by the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

On motion, Agreed, That the Prothonotaries of the several Counties be appointed and Commissioned to be Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in their respective Counties.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday June 12th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun., Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Baily,
Jonathan Hoge, and } Esquires.
John Proctor,

Colo. Morgan, Lieutenant of the County of Berks, applied for One hundred and fifty Knapsacks, Two hundred and fifty Canteens, One hundred and fifty Cartouch Boxes, for the Militia of Berks County, and an order was drawn on the Continental Board of War for the same, to be delivered to him or his order.

Application being made by the Board of War and the Navy Board, for a sum of Money to each of them; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of the Chairman of the Board of War, (or his order,) for the sum of Two Thousand Pounds, for which that Board is to Account.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of the Chairman of the Navy Board, (or his order,) for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, for which that Board is to account.

William Lyons, Esq'r, Prothonotary of the County of Cumberland, appeared in Council, and took the Oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for that Office.

Colo. Coats having applied for a Sum of Money to Pay Substitutes, and purchase Blankets, &c.; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of Colo. William Coats, for the Sum of Six Hundred and fifty Pounds, Towards raising the Militia of this County, and for which he is to be accountable.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday June 13th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun., Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Baily,
John Proctor,
Jonathan Hoge,
} Esquires.

Lewis Nicola, Town Major, in the Name of General Mifflin, requested an order to the Constables of different townships to furnish, for the present, One hundred Waggons, and expressed that the General thinks Two hundred will be necessary.

[For the order of Council on this request, See Minutes of June 14th.]

Agreed, That James Claypoole be appointed Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia.

On motion, agreed, That Will'm Kelly be appointed Sheriff of the County of Lancaster.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday June 14th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun., Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor,
Jonathan Hoge, &
} Esquires.

A Circular Letter to the Lieutenants of the Counties of Chester, Lancaster, and York, Philadelphia, Bucks, Cumberland, Berks, and Northampton, was this day written, to forward the first Class of the Militia immediately, and to hold the second Class in readiness to march at the shortest notice. In the several Letters now written to the Lieu'ts, the Sum of Money sent as mentioned.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of Colo. Robert Smith, Lieutenant of the County of Chester, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Weitzel, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Northampton, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of the Secretary, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be by him

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forwarded to Rich'd McCallister, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of York, and the same was ordered to be charged to the said Richard McAllister.

Gen Mifflin having, by the Town Major, requested that One hundred Waggons be immediately furnished by the State,

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the Counties of Philadelphia, Chester, & Berks, be desired to send, Viz.: Philadelphia, Thirty Waggons, Chester, Forty Do., Berks, Thirty Do.

The Council taking into their consideration the appointing of Burgesses, Assistants, and other Officers, for the Borough of Lancaster, Agreed that William Bausman & Casper Shaffner be appointed Burgesses, and that William Bausman shall be called Chief Burgess within the said Borough; and Paul Zantzinger, Christ'r Crawford, Matthias Graaf, Will'm Ross, Adam Reigart, & Ludowick Stone, Assistants; Peter Rowhigh, Constable, & Peter Shaffner, town Clerk, of the said Borough of Lancaster.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday June 15, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS WHARTON, Jun., Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
Jonathan Hoge, and John Proctor, } Esquires.

Order on the Contenental Board of War to Capt. Dougherty, for Thirty-five stand of Arms & accontrements, for a Company of Volunteers, who propose to turn out with two Pieces of Cannon.

His Excell'y reports that the President of Congress had delivered to him an order on the Continental Board of War for One thousand stand of Arms, and that he had endorsed the same to Capt. John Campbell, of the City Guards.

Capt. Moulder applied for Sixty belts, Sixty Knapsacks, Sixty Cartridge boxes, & Sixty Canteens, and an order was drawn on the Board of War of this State for the same.

A Company of Artillery offering their service to the Public, and the Officers of it requesting to be Commissioned; thereupon,

Ordered, That the following Gentlemen be Commissioned as Officers of the said Company, Viz.: Henry Daugherty, Capt.; Wingate Newman, Capt.; Lieu't James Craig, 1st Lieu't; Alex'd Henderson, 2d Lieu't; Will'm Greenway, Lieut's fire-worker.

The following resolution of Congress was before the Board, and read, Viz.:

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"In Congress Assembled, Saturday 14th June, 1777.

"*Resolved*, That Maj'r Gen'l Arnold be authorized to take upon him the Command of all the Militia now at Bristol, and in every other part of the River to the Eastward of Philadelphia, which have been called forth into service by a requisition of the 24th Day of April last, & that he be authorized to dispose of himself & the Troops under his Command, in such a manner as he shall Deem best adapted to promote the Public Service."

Ordered, That a Copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to the President and Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania for their concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That the 2d Class of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks, Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Berks, & Northampton, be Ordered to march to the places to which the first Class of the said Counties respectively are ordered; and that the third Class be got in readiness to march, and also that the 1st and 2d Class of the City Militia be ordered to march for Bristol, & that the 3d Class hold themselves in Readiness to march at the shortest warning.

On motion.

Resolved, That the 1st class of the Militia of the County of Northumberland, be ordered to march to Bristol, and that the 2d be got in readiness to march at the shortest notice. As the great demand for money has drained our Treasury, and a Considerable Sum is immediately wanted for paying of substitutes and other purposes, necessary to get the Militia ready for the field, and the Money ordered to be struck by the General Assembly cannot be signed in time; thereupon,

Resolved, That Application be made to Congress to lend the Council the Sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, to be repaid in a few days, so as that it may not pass to the General Account of the State.

The Secretary laid before the Council a Letter which he this Day received from John Kidd, Esq'r, dated the 31st May, wherein he expressed that he is obliged to decline the honor of becoming one of the Executive Council, on account of his state of health.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday June 17th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun., Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, &

On motion,

Agreed, That Colo. Bull be appointed Adjutant Gen'l of the Militia of this State.

On Motion, agreed, That Colo. Walter Stewart be appointed Colo. of the State Regiment in the room of Colo. Bull, who is promoted to be Adjutant General.

One of the Delegates of this State in Congress, informed the Council that Congress had ordered twenty Copies of their minutes to be Delivered to this State.

Ordered, That the Secretary apply for the said minutes, retain them in his hands, to be disposed of as the Council shall direct.

Capt. Montgomery attended the Council with a Message from Gen'l Mifflin, informing the Council that Gen'l Sullivan had ordered the Militia collected at Coryel's Ferry to march forward toward the Enemy in New Jersey, and that is, therefore, necessary to send a number of the militia to occupy that Post, which is now entirely vacant.

Jonath'n Bayard Smith, Esq'r, sent in by the Secretary, a draft of Congress, signed by the Speaker, on John Gibson, Esq'r, Auditor General, for the Sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, payable to the Hon'ble The President & Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania, or their order, it being advanced to said State, for which it is to be accountable.

Ordered, That the same be made payable to Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State.

Ordered, That a Draft be made out on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer of the Board of War, for the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for which sum he is to account.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Lewis Granow, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Chester, for the Sum of Four Thousand Dollars, to be charged to Robert Smith, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the said County, for the purpose of procuring Substitutes, Blankets, &c.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Will'm Henry, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the City of Phila-

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delphia, for the Sum of Five thousand Dollars, for the purpose of providing Substitutes.

The Council taking into consideration the case of Jos. Richardson, now confined in the Gaol of the County of Lancaster, where he has been for near Four Months, on a charge of Counterfeiting and uttering the Bills of Credit of New Jersey, &ca, & no application having been made to this State respecting him; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Jos. Richardson be enlarged, on giving reasonable bail for his appearance, &ca, to answer the said charge.

An order was drawn on the Continental Board of War for One Thousand stand of Arms, to be delivered to Colo. Bull, Adjutant General of the State.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday June 18th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice-President.

John Evans, John Proctor, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Application being made by Wm. Coats, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia, for a further Sum of money; thereupon,

An order was drawn in his favor on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, for the Sum of Thousand Dollars, to be applied in procuring Substitutes, and purchasing Blankets, &ca.

A letter from Rich'd Peters, Esq'r, Secretary to the Continental Board of War, enclosing the following Resolves of Congress of the 1st April, was presented by his Excell'y, the President of the Board, and read, viz:

"By the United States in Congress assembled.

"April 1st, 1777.

"*Resolved*, That no Officer already appointed, or to be hereafter appointed, in the Army of the United States, shall take rank by virtue of a Commission antedated, but Rank shall be determined by the time of appointment, unless otherwise directed by special resolution of Congress.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Legislatures, and in their recess to the Executive Powers of the respective States, that they forthwith transmit to the Board of War exact lists of all officers appointed by them in the Continental Army, with the date of their Commissions, and time of appointment."

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Ordered, That a Copy of said Resolves & Letter be transmitted to the Board of War, and that the said Board be requested to furnish this Council with the List of Officers appointed by this State, with the times of their appointment, and the dates of their Commissions, and an account of all Monies expended on account of Prisoners of War.

The following Resolve of the General Assembly being laid before the Council was read, viz.:

"In General Assembly, Tuesday June 10th, 1777.

"General Mifflin desired leave to be introduced into the House; which being done, he informed that he had it in charge from His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, to Assure them that it was his firm opinion that the Enemys Army meditated a sudden & immediate attack upon some part of this State, and that he, therefore, earnestly requested that the Militia of this State, and particularly of this City and its neighbourhood, might be ordered to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning to such parts as may be necessary." It was thereupon,

Ordered, that Dr. Gardner & Mr. M'Clean, be a Committee to wait on the President and Council, and inform them of the said intelligence, and request them, in the name of this House, to take the most speedy & effectual measures to answer the purposes of His Excell'y the General's message, & to frustrate the hostile intentions of the Enemy; thereupon,

Ordered, That a Copy of the said Resolve be delivered to the Delegates of this State in Congress, and that they be requested to transact this business with Congress in the way they shall think most proper.

Ordered, That application be made to the Board of War for an estimate of the Expences of levying & clothing the State Battalion now commanded by Colo. Stewart, The Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colo. Proctor, and the Company under Capt. Pugh, with the state of the said Battalions & Company.

Colo. Kirkbride applied for a further Sum of Money to procure Substitutes in the room of such of the Militia as refuse or neglect to go into service; thereupon,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Colo. Kirkbride, for the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of procuring Substitutes, &ca.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday June 19, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, &

His Excell'y the President laid before the Council a Letter from Gen'l Arnold, dated 18 June, 1777, enclosing Copy of a Letter from his Excell'y Gen'l Washington, relative to fortifying Delaware River.

James Young, Esq'r, attended in Council, & took the Oath required by the Constitution to Qualify him to act as a Justice for the City & County of Philadelphia.

An order was drawn on the Board of War of this State in favor of Will'm Henry, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the City, for as many Knapsacks, Canteens, &ca., as he may call for.

Mr. Parker, a member of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, laid before the Council the following Resolve of the Hon'ble House, viz:

"In General Assembly, Thursday June 19, 1777.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That the President and Council be Authorized & impowered to borrow from the Congress any sum of Money not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars, to answer the immediate exigencies of the State, and to be repaid in a very short time, out of the moneys now issuing by virtue of the Two Hundred Thousand Pounds Act enacted at the last sitting of this House.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"JOHN MORRIS, jun'r,
"Cl'k of General Assembly."

On motion, agreed, That a Copy of the Resolve of General Assembly, empowering this Council to borrow of Congress the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, be delivered to the Delegates of this State in Congress, and the President is desired to write to the Hon'ble John Hancock, Esq'r, President of Congress, requesting that Congress will lend to this State the Sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, in addition to the like Sum already borrowed of them, to serve the present emergency.

Mr. Proctor reports that Rob't Levers, Esq'r, appeared before him some time ago, and took the Oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to act as Prothonotary of the County of Northampton, and Qualify the Magistrates of that County.

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The Representatives of the Freemen of the County of York having informed the Council that Chas. Lukens had declined to accept the Sheriff's office for that County; thereupon,

Agreed, That Will'm Roan be appointed Sheriff of the County of York, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

The Council again resuming the consideration of the appointment of Justices for the County of Cumberland, that the followowing Gentlemen be the Justices of the said County, and that a Commission be made out accordingly, to wit:—1, John Rannels; 2, James Maxwell; 3, James Oliver; 4, John Holmes; 5, John Agnew; 6, John McClay; 7, Sam'l Lyon; 8, Will'm Brown; 9, John Haines; 10, Sam'l Royer; 11, John Anderson; 12, John Creigh; 13, Hugh Laird; 14, And'w McBeath; 15, Tho's Kennedy; 16, Alexa. Laughlin; 17, Sam'l McClune; 18, Pat'k Vance; 19, Geo. Matthews; 20, Will'm McClure; 21, Sam. Culbertson; 22, James Armstrong; 23, John Work; 24, John Trendle; 25, Stephen Duncan; 26, Ephraim Steele; 27, W'm Brown, (Carlisle); 28, Rob't Peoples; 29, Henry Taylor; 30, Jas. Taylor; 31, Charles Leiper; 32, John Scouler; 33, Matt'w Wilson; 34, David McClure.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday June 20, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans,
Jonathan Hoge, and } Esquires.
John Proctor,

The great inconveniences arising from the Waggoners bringing their Waggons into the State House Yard, & the noise of the Drums, which greatly incommodes, not only the Council, but also the Congress and General Assembly, whenever the Companies or Battalions exercise or Parade in the Yard, & having been observed by the Council with great concern; thereupon,

Ordered, That no Drums be admitted into the State House Yard, & that the Waggoners be forbid to bring their Waggons into the State House Yard without permission so to do.

Robert Smith, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Chester, applied for Arms for the Militia of the said County; whereupon,

An order was drawn on Will'm Henry, Esq'r, or Captain Campble, in favor of the said Colo. Robert Smith, for Four hundred Stand of Arms.

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The following Resolve of the Gen'l Assembly was laid before the Board, Viz:

"In General Assembly, Monday June 16, 1777.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That all the Militia men of the State now going into the Field, be allowed A Gill of Rum or Whiskey each man per day, over and besides the Rations allowed by Congress, and that the President & Council take the proper means for supplying the same."

Doct. Robert Wilcox applied for a pass to go to Providence, in New England.

Ordered, That the Secretary make out and sign a pass for him.

The Council took into consideration the appointing of a Prothonotary of the County of Chester, in the room of Benja. Jacob, who declines accepting that Office; thereupon,

Agreed, That Caleb Davis be appointed Prothonotary of the County of Chester, & Commissioned accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday June 21, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor. } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, &

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Wm. Crispin, for the Sum of Eight Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of purchasing Rum or Wisky for the Militia of this State, agreeable to a Resolve of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Capt. Campbell, in favor of Rob't Smith, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Chester, for four hundred Canteens, four hundred Knapsacks, four hundred Priming Wires, four hundred brushes, and Four hundred Cartouch Boxes, for the Militia of that County.

On motion,

Agreed, That John Beaton be appointed Paymaster of the Chester County Militia.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Rob't Smith, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Chester, for the Sum of two Thousand Pounds, to be applied in paying Substitutes, &ca.

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Gen'l Mifflin, Mons. de Coudray, wi'h Nicholas Rogers, who speaks the French and English Languages, attended the Council, and laid before the Council a Copy of the report of the Committee of Congress for viewing the works erected for the defence of our River, and the resolves of Congress thereon of the 11th June Instant.

Colo. Stewart waited on the Council, & informed them that, having received orders to march his Battallion to Billingsport, he had Paraded his men, and was about to march accordingly, but that he had received intelligence from the Hon'ble John Hancock, Esq'r, that a resolution of Congress of yesterday, respecting this Battalion being taken into Continental Service, which would render an immediate compliance with the orders he had received rather inconvenient; that the said Resolution of Congress had been given in charge to the Delegates of this State to communicate to the Council, which would probably alter his Orders.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A., Tuesday June 24, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
Jonathan Hoge, & John Proctor, Esquires.

An order of Congress on John Gibson, Esq'r, Auditor General, in favor of the Council, for Fifty Thousand Dollars, was sent up to Council, and thereupon, the President endorsed the same, making it payable to David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State.

James Claypoole now offered Blair McClenagan & David Chambers as security for his faithful performance of the duty and Office of Sheriff in the City & County of Philadelphia; was agreed to by Council.

The Council resuming the consideration of the orders given to the Lieutenants of the Counties for marching the Militia,

Agreed, That Philadelphia & Bucks Counties do send the first & second Class, and hold the third in perfect readiness. That Lancaster, Berks, and Northampton, send forward the first Class, and hold the second in perfect readiness. That Cumberland, York, & Northumberland, hold the 1st Class in readiness, and that Letters be written to the Lieutenants of the respective Counties accordingly.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Colo. Benj. Brannon, Sub Lieutenant of the County of Chester, for the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday June 25, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, & }

A curious performance of I. Stewart, of London, the Senators' remembrancer, consisting of Fourteen Copper plates, done on white satten, and most elegantly framed and gilt, presented to the Public by Doc't Benja. Franklin, were placed in the Council Chamber.

On motion, Agreed, That the Pay of the Commodore of the Navy of this State be allowed and paid at the rate One hundred and Twenty-five Dollars P. Month, inclusive of Rations.

On motion, agreed, That the Pay of Capt. Hazlewood, the second in Command in the Navy of this State, be allowed & paid at the rate of one hundred dollars P. Month, inclusive of Rations.

Mr. Cox and Mr. Eyres, from the Navy Board, having requested A further Sum of Money, and the Board of War having also made application for Money, An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, in favor of John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, the Treasurer of the Board of War, &ca., for the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars; Board of War Twelve thousand Dollars, & Navy Board thirteen thousand Dollars.

The Council taking into consideration the intelligence received by Congress from Gen'l Washington, respecting the movements of the Enemy, and the extreme inconveniency arising from the march of the Militia in the time of Harvest, Agreed, That the Lieut's of the Counties of Lancaster, Berks, & Northampton, be informed that the Council think it unnecessary for the 1st Class of Militia respectively, to march, but that they hold the first class in the most perfect readiness to march at the shortest warning. That the Lieutenants of the Counties of Philadelphia and Chester, be informed that it is unnecessary to march the 2d Class of their respective Counties, but that the 1st Class be marched, and the 2d Class held in perfect readiness to march at the shortest notice.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday June 26, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, & }

Col. Andrew Boyd, Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Chester, attended. The members of Council met, & requested to be furnished with a Sum of Money for procuring Substitutes, Blankets, &ca.; thereupon, An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Col. Andrew Boyd, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars, for the aforesaid purposes.

On motion, Agreed, That Jamas Loughead be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of James Loughead, Paymaster of the City and Liberties aforesaid, for the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars.

Mr. Bache, Col. Shee, and Col. Dean, of the Board of War, attended Council, & complained of a certain Wm. Sykes, who had taken an opportunity of bringing off a very considerable quantity of Goods which had been removed out of the City, from the place where they had been deposited by order of the Committee appointed for that purpose, and this at a time when it was generally believed the Enemy was bending their force against this city.

Jos. Gamble, Will'm Marshall, Mich'l Dawson, Chevaux de Frize Pilots, informed the Council that they had this day applied to the Commissioners of Appeal, setting forth their employment as a plea against their being fined as Non-Associates under the late Law, &ca., and that the plea was rejected as insufficient.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Council are clearly of opinion that the Pilots employed by the State are not chargeable with any Fines as Non-Associates, their duty being of such a nature as to make it highly improper for them to be absent on any occasion whatsoever, & do recommend to the Commissioners of Appeal to revise their judgment thereon.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, for the Sum of Seventeen Pounds Sixteen Shillings & Nine Pence, in favor of Will'm Trickett, for Books, &ca., purchased for the use of Council.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A. Friday June 27th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor. } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Colo. Donaldson of York County brought in a number of plates said to be found in the possession of a certain James Steward, who was arrested and committed to York Jail, but has since made his escape, and apparently designed for the counterfeiting the Continental Currency, To Wit: A back and front plate, with impressions similar to a Continental Thirty Dollar Bill; A Back & front plate, with impressions similar to a Continental Four Dollar Bill; A back & front plate of a two-thirds of a Dollar Continental Bill; and a blank plate of the same size, together, also, with a Thirty Dollar Bill & four Dollar Bill, struck from the same plates, and a Bill struck with the four Dollar plate on one side & the Thirty Dollar Bill on the other side, with a deposition concerning the same, which the Committee of the said County of York hath directed him to deliver to the Council or some other Public body.

Ordered, That the Secretary receive the same, give Colo. Donaldson a receipt for them, and Seal them up.

On motion, agreed that Thomas Urie be appointed Sheriff of the County of Bedford, & that he be immediately Commissioned accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Loughead, Paymaster, for the Sum of Two thousand Dollars.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Wm. Henry, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two thousand Dollars, to Pay Substitutes, &ca.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Lisle, Mr. Loughead, & Mr. Evans attended the Council by the direction of this Board, and they being interrogated respecting the complaint made by them against William Sykes; thereupon,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said complaint be referred to Monday Afternoon.

Ordered, That a Writ be now issued to John Thompson, Esq'r, Sheriff of the County of Bucks, commanding him to hold an election for the chusing of one fit person to represent the said County in Council, and make return thereof of the said Writ to his Excellency in Council on or before the Twenty-first day of July next.

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Agreed, That John Griffin be appointed Coroner of the County of Westmoreland, & that a Commission for that purpose be issued accordingly.

Agreed, That Will'm Parker, Colo. John Piper, Sam. Moore, John Cesna, Chas. Cesna, & John Moore, or any two of them, be accepted as security for Thomas Urie, Sheriff of the County of Bedford, for his faithful performance of the said Office.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday July 1st, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, & John Proctor, Esquires.

Commission to Caleb Davis, Esq'r, as Clerk of the Quarter Sessions of the peace for the County of Chester, dated this day.

An order was drawn on Colo. Flower, in favor of Colonel Henry, Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, for Seventy Stand of Arms.

An order was drawn in favor of Colo. Henry on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, for the Sum of Eight Thousand Dollars, to pay substitutes, &ca.

An order was drawn on D'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for the Sum of Six Thousand dollars.

An order was drawn in favor of James Loughead, Paymaster of the Militia, for the sum of one thousand & five hundred dollars.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday July 2d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, &

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favor of John Maxwell, Esq'r, for the Sum of One Thousand Six hundred Dollars.

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The Council taking into consideration the Petition of Simon Gore, a Militia man of this City, who was wounded at Perth Amboy, last Summer; thereupon

Ordered, That the said Petition be enclosed to James Young, Esq'r, & that he be requested to hold an Orphans' Court, agreeable to the Act to regulate the Militia of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of relieving the said Simon Gore and others, according to the said Act.

An order was drawn in favor of Colo. Kirkbride, Lieut. of the County of Bucks, for the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

A Letter from Christian Wirtz, Town Major of the Borough of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster, dated June 25, 1777, was read in Council. Among other things Mr. Wirtz represents, that the British Prisoners threatened the destruction of Lancaster, and that it alarmed the inhabitants, & proposing for consideration removing of the said Prisoners to some other place; thereupon,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Delegates of this State in Congress, to represent the matter to the Continental Board of War, & that the said Letter written by Mr. Wirtz be laid before them.

The Petition of Abigail McKay, now a Prisoner in the Goal of this City, praying to be enlarged on giving bail, was read; and thereupon

Ordered, That she be enlarged on Bail, with more or one sufficient sureties, in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, conditioned that she appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions and answer the charge which shall be brought against her; & that in the meantime she shall not reside or come nearer to the City of Philadelphia than the West side of Schuylkill on the Westward, and not nearer than three Miles of the said City to the Northward, for & during one Year.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday July 3d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Agreed that instructions be given to the delegates of this State in Congress, that the Troops lately arrived from Carolina may be employed to assist the Militia of this State and that of New Jersey in completeing the works at Billingsport, unless these Troops can render more essential service elsewhere.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday July 4, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
John Evans, John Proctor, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, &

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Colo. William Henry, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which he has to account.

On motion, agreed, That it be recommended to the Magistrates of the City to exert themselves in preventing any kind of Riot happening in the City this Evening; that the Town Mayor be ordered to parade with his Guard from eight O'Clock 'till Eleven, to prevent any disturbance which might otherwise happen this Evening; That a Bellman be sent round to give notice to the inhabitants, that the Council do expressly order all the lights made use of to illuminate the City this Evening, be extinguished at Eleven O'Clock. The Wardens are requested to order the Watchmen to attend at their Stands at 8 O'Clock this Evening, in order to assist in preventing any riots which may otherwise happen.

James Hopkins, Esq'r, applied to the Board, and informed that he had orders from Gen'l Washington to go down the River Delaware on an expedition, and Gen'l Arnold requesting that he may be supplied a small Vessel & Four Batteaus for the said purpose; thereupon

Ordered, That Captain Hazlewood supply the said Jas. Hopkins, Esq'r, with a small Vessel and four Batteaus, agreeable to the request of Gen'l Arnold.

On motion,

Ordered, That Will'm Sykes be summoned to attend the Council to-morrow Morning at 10 O'Clock, to answer the charge of Jas. Loughead & others, that he had seized a considerable quantity of Provisions & other Goods, which had been removed out of the City by proper Authority, to prevent their falling into the hands of the Enemy, & that he had brought them into the City again without having obtained permission so to do of the Committee under whose direction they were.

It having been represented to the Council that Mr. Hobson had declined accepting the appointment of the Justice of the Peace in the Borough of Lancaster; And on consideration, Agreed That Will'm Henry, Esq'r, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Lancaster, in the room of John Hobson, Esq'r.

Ordered, That a Dedimus Potestatum be issued, authorizing and empowering John Hubley, Esq'r, to qualify the Chief Burgess of Lancaster.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday July 5, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Will'm Sykes attended the Council, according to the order of yesterday, and also Jos. Loughead, Robert Smith, John Lisle & Mr. Young, and the Council having heard the Parties, it appears that the said William Sykes had, in contempt of the authority of the Committee appointed to remove the Provisions and Goods out of the City, to prevent their falling into the Enemies' hands, brought back to the City a large Quantity of Rice & Indigo, which had been removed by them; whereupon the Council

Ordered, That Will'm Sykes do return the Rice and Indigo which now remains unsold, to the place from whence he brought them, & re-deliver them into the hands of the Committee appointed to remove the Goods out of the City, to prevent their falling into the hands of the Enemy, and that he give Security himself in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, and Two sufficient Freeholders in the Sum of five hundred Pounds each, for his good behaviour for One Year.

Ordered, That the following Advertisement be published in the Public Papers, Viz.:

"In Council, Philad'a, July 5, 1777.

"WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in Section 30th, Ordains that Justices of the Peace shall be elected by the Freeholders of each Ward, District, or Township, as the Law shall direct, & that their names shall be returned to the President in Council, who shall Commissionate one or more of them for each Ward, District, or Township so returning, for Seven Years:

"*And whereas*, An act of Assembly intitled 'An Act directing the modes & times of electing Justices of the Peace for the City of Philadelphia, & the several & respective Counties of this Commonwealth, & for other purposes therein mentioned,' was passed on the 11th of February last:

"*And whereas*, By inattention, mis-apprehension, absence of great numbers of Freeholders in the defence of their Country, (the Militia of several Counties being then in actual Service, shortness of the times that had been appointed, neglect & other causes, some Districts, & also some Townships in Counties in which a Township has been made a District for this purpose,) did not hold the election

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of Justices on the days by the said Act appointed, and it was likely that like omission would happen in other places, of which the times for such Elections had not then elapsed:

"*And whereas*, On the 15th day of March last past, A Supplement to the said recited Act of Assembly was passed, to remedy all mistakes & lapses thereby given to the Freeholders in such cases to make their Election, which time is now also passed:

"*And whereas*, In & by the said supplement, further provision was made in the Premises in the words following:

"*And whereas*, The Freeholders of the several Wards in the City of Philadelphia have neglected to Elect Justices of the Peace, as by the said Act was directed, and it may happen that some other parts of the State may also neglect to elect Justices, at the time in the said Act, & by this Act directed.

"*Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That where any such neglect has been, or may be, at the time by the above recited Act, or by this Act directed, for the election of Justices for any district, in any or either of the said Counties, the Commissioners and Assessors of such County or Counties, or any five of them, (in such County or Counties where they are directed so to do by the said Act,) are hereby enjoined & required to appoint a time and place for Election of Justices of the Peace for such district, and give notice thereof to the Freeholders who shall hold the said Election, and in all things relating thereto, act & do agreeable to the directions of the Act to which this Act is a Supplement; and when they shall have elected Justices they shall be deemed & taken to be Justices of the Peace, as is in and by the said Act declared; *And whereas*, notwithstanding the last recited section of the said Supplementary Act, the Freeholders of some Districts may yet neglect to Elect Justices of the Peace in manner aforesaid; Provision by said Supplement is further made, that upon application in Writing by Twenty or more of the Freeholders of any such District to the President of this State, it shall be lawful for the President in Council to appoint & Commissionate one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, as the case may require, for any such District which may still neglect to elect Justices of the Peace; Wherefore, Notice is hereby given to the Freeholders of any District as aforesaid, wherein no Election of Justices of the Peace hath been hitherto holden, of the remedy provided by Law, and of the mode in which they ought to proceed in order to have justice duly Administered, and it is recommended, because of these words in the 3d Section of said Supplement above transcribed, "in such County & Counties where they are so directed to do by the said Act,' Words which seem to confine the appointment of the time and place of the Election to the Commissioners & Assessors of the Counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, Berks, York & Northampton, that in case of the return of any choice yet to be made of Justices in Cumberland, Bedford, Northumberland and Westmoreland, that said returns be accom-

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panied with an application in Writing from Twenty or more of the Freeholders of the District to the President, to appoint as aforesaid, in order to make the Commission valid, whatever said recited words may purport, at the same time the Freeholders may be assured that their elections and the return thereof shall be regarded as in other cases.

"N. B. Some Districts have perhaps made Elections regularly, but their Officers may not have made returns of the Persons Elected, or having their returns, their returns may have mis-carried or fallen into the hands of ill-disposed persons, & may have been suppressed; in such cases new returns are wanted, and it would be safe to send Duplicates.

"These lapses and defects prevent a Second Commission of the Peace for each County from being issued, while they should include all the vacant Districts for single Commissions, being a great expence on the Counties.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secret'y."

Ordered, That the resolution of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, respecting the boundary Line between the State of Virginia and this State, be sent by the President to the Delegates of Virginia in Congress. John Riordon, Comm'r, of the Sloop Susanna, a Danish Flag of Truce, from St. Croix to this City, to carry the family of the Marcoos from hence to that place, attended the Council, & represented some Difficulties which he labored under, in consequence of being prevented from going on board the Men of War now laying at the Capes of Delaware, in order to obtain permission from them to come up to Wilmington, where Mr. Marcoo & his family now are. The Council thereupon, recommended to Capt. Riordon to apply to the President of Congress for recommendation, such as he may think proper, to Henry Fisher, and pointing out what he may judge expedient in this case, or to the President of the Delaware State, the said recommendation, As the Flag of Truce, as the matter is now situated, does not relate to this State, and that a Pass be made out to Capt. Riordon under the lesser Seal, & signed by His Excell'y the President.

On motion, agreed, That Maj. Solomon Bush be appointed Deputy Adjutant General of the Militia of this State.

On motion, agreed, That John Haley, Esq'r, be appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the County of Philadelphia.

Wm. Kelly, the Sheriff of Lancaster County, offers James Anderson, Sen'r, and James Anderson, jun'r, of Donegal, as security for the faithful performance of his Office, which the Council approve.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday July 7, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
Jonathan Hoge, & John Proctor, Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Robert Galbraith, Esq'r, for the Sum of Four hundred Dollars, to be by him delivered to Colo. John Piper, Lieutenant of the County of Bedford, and for which he is to account.

Ordered, That the Secretary call on Will'm Sykes for the Security which he is ordered to give for his good behaviour.

Ordered, That the Sum of One Thousand Pounds be sent by Rob't Galbraith, Esq'r, to John Hubley, Esq'r, of Lancaster, to be by him forwarded to Bartram Galbraith, Esq'r, Lieut. of the County of Lancaster, for the purpose of purchasing Muskets, for which Sum he is to account.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of the Secretary, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be forwarded as aforesaid.

N. B.—The Money was paid the Secretary according to order, but Mr. Galbraith going out of Town, An order was drawn on the Treasurer aforesaid, in favor of Will'm Henry, for the like Sum, and the Secretary paid the Money to him, and exchanged the order with the Treasurer.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Beck, for riding express, by order of Maj. General Armstrong, for the Sum of Thirteen Pounds.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday July 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WARTON, jun., Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
Jonathan Hoge, & John Proctor, Esquires.

James Hopkins, Esq'r, applied to the Council for eight men, to assist him in the expedition down the Delaware, ordered by Gen'l Washington.

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Ordered, That Commodore Seymour furnish James Hopkins, Esq'r, with eight men from the Fleet.

Ordered, That the Commissary supply James Hopkins, Esq'r, with the Provisions which he may have occasion for.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Henry, Esq'r, Lieut. of Philadelphia, for the Sum of One thousand pounds, for the purpose of paying Substitutes, & purchasing Blankets, &ca, for which Sum he is to account.

Gen'l Roberdeau informed the Council that Congress had ordered the Virginia & South Carolina Troops now in the City, to march to Billingsport, to assist in completeing the works to be erected there.

Orders were drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, for the Sum of Six Pounds fifteen Shillings, in favor of George Gintner, for riding express; for the Sum of fifteen Pounds Two Shillings & Six Pence, in favor of Mich'l Boyer for ditto; & for the Sum of Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings, in favor of Edw'd Stroud, for ditto.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday July 9, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, & John Proctor, Esquires.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two thousand pounds, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That Capt. Stiles be requested to send to this Board an account of the Artillery with which he has lately supplied the Militia at Bristol, Trenton, & Coryell's Ferry, to guard the River Delaware.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Smith, for the Sum of Twelve Pounds, for riding express.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Colo. Benja. Brannon, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to pay Substitutes, to be Charged to Colo. Smith, Lieut. of the County of Chester, for which he is to account.

The Council taking into consideration the many great inconveniencys arising to the good people of this State from the practice of enlisting of Servants & Apprentices,

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Ordered, That the following Proclamation be inserted in the several Newspapers of this City:

"*By the Supreme Executive Council.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"*Whereas*, great inconveniences hath happened to many persons in this State by the Continental Officers mistaking a recommendation of the Hon'ble Congress, addressed to the several States, that they would permit Servants to be enlisted into the Continental Service, for an authoritative direction in the premises; *And Whereas*, many of the said Officers are also Officers in the Pay of this State, have thereupon proceeded to enlist bought Servants, under indenture, to the great damage of their masters.

"*And Whereas*, the Legislature of the Commonwealth having had opportunity of perceiving that such inlistments, though distressing to the Masters, had not promoted the General Service to any proportionable degree, have declined giving their concurrence in said measure:

"*And Whereas*, some persons, pretending ignorance, may still inlist Servants; these are therefore, strictly to forbid all Recruiting Officers in the Continental Service, and all others, from enlisting Servants or Apprentices within this State, on pain of being prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the Law.

"THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

"Philad'a, July 9, 1777.

"Attest— TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary."

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday July 10, 1777.

The Members of Council, Board of War, & Navy Board, went down to Billingsport with Gen'l Armstrong, Mons'r du Caudray, &c.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday July 11, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, & John Proctor, Esquires.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Will'm Henry, Esq'r, Lieut. of the City of Philadelphia,

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for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes & purchasing Blankets, &c.

Caleb Davis, Esq'r, Prothonotary of the County of Chester, appeared, & took the Affirmation required by Law to Qualify him for that Office, and offered Thomas Cheney, Esq'r, as surety, with giving One Thousand Five Pounds security; And he having been appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the said County of Chester, took the Affirmation required by the Constitution to Qualify him to act in the said Office.

Will'm Lyon, Esq'r, having informed the Council (by Letter) that Mr. Agnew, the late acting Prothonotary of the County of Cumberland, had refused to deliver up the Seals & papers belonging to the said Office, and requesting the direction of Council thereon,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Mr. Lyon, & let him know the mode of obtaining the Seals & Papers belonging to said Office, as the Law directs, and that if Mr. Agnew persists, so as to make the interposition of Council necessary, on receiving attested Copies of the proceedings thereon, Council will take further order thereon.

The Committee for driving off Cattle, for the City and County of Philadelphia having represented to the Board that they thought their number too few, & recommended that the City & County of Philad'a be divided into five Classes, & that the Gentlemen named in each Class be appointed to the said duty, Vizt:

First Class. For Oxford, Lower Dublin, Moreland, & Byberry Townships, which comprehends all between Frankford & Pequeston Creeks; Jacob Zible, Sam'l Potts, Rudolph Neff, James Dungan, Sam'l Neaswinger, John Keen, Sen'r, & Sam'l Swift, Sam'l Erwin, Casper Fetters, Will'm Tilyer, John Britain, and Benjamin Watson.

Second Class. This District includes from Frankford to the bounds of the City; Conrad Baker, John Stillwagon, John Hall, Isaac Coates, & Jacob Hill.

Third Class. For the City; William Carson, Dean Timmons, Nathan'l Donnell, Andrew Carson.

Fourth Class. For Southwark, Moyamensing, and Passyunk; Edw'd Tew, Rich'd Dennis, James Whitton, Henry Maag, Samuel Penrose, George Young, & Jacob Whitman.

Fifth Class. For Kinsess. & Blockley; Philip Price, Adam Guyer, & Joshua Ash, jun'r.

On motion, agreed that the said plan be adopted, & the Gentlemen therein recommended for the respective Districts be appointed for the said purpose, and have full power to remove all kinds of live Stock, whenever the approach of the Enemy shall make it necessary so to do.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday July 14th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, John Proctor. } Esquires.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Colo. Joseph Kirkbride, Lieut. of the County of Bucks, for the Sum of Two thousand five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn in favor of Will'm Crispin, Esq'r, on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two thousand five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

N. B. These two orders were drawn when the Secretary was not present, they are likely to have been dated the 15th instead of the 14th.

Gen'l Du Coudray laid before the Council a "definite project to correct the fort of Billingsport," with a plan of the Construction of it.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday July 15, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, and John Proctor, } Esquires.

Colo. Coxe informed the Council that he had, by direction of the Field Officers, applied to Mr. Butler for Tents for the Militia now at Billingsport, and was informed by Mr. Butler that he not supply them.

The Council being informed that there is not any Money in the Treasury, nor likely to be any until Friday next, & as there is Money due Col. Proctor's Regiment, now under Marching orders, & the demand for other purposes being very considerable & pressing,

Agreed, That application be made to Congress for Sixty Thousand Dollars, to be accounted for to Congress.

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Mr. Roberdeau, Mr. Morris, & Mr. Wilson, Delegates of this State, having attended in Congress, attending the Council, Gen'l du Coudray's "definite project to correct the fortifications at Billingsport" was laid before them, & they were requested to lay it before Congress for consideration.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday July 16, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, and
John Proctor, } Esquires.

Agreed, That Col. Bull, Adjutant Gen'l of the Militia of this State, is requested to procure the number of Carts & the Timber and other materials which may be necessary for carrying on the fortifications at Billingsport.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Col. Will'm Coats, Lieut. of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of One thousand four hundred Pounds, for the purpose of paying the Militia, & for which Sum he is to account.

On motion, Agreed, That John Morris, jun'r, Esq'r, be & he is hereby authorized to appear in the City Court & prosecute in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Hon'ble Congress having ordered the Sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars, to be paid to the President & Council of this State,

Ordered, That the same be made Payable to Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, & it was indorsed by the Vice President accordingly.

An order was drawn in favor of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, (as the Treasurer,) for the Sum of Thirty thousand Dollars, of which Sum Twenty thousand is intended for the payment of Drafts by the Board of War, & Ten thousand Dollars for the Payment of the drafts of the Navy Board.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday July 17, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Esq'r, President.

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, & John Proctor, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Col. Will'm Henry, Lieut. of the City of Philadelphia, for the sum of Five hundred Pounds, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes, purchasing Blankets, &ca., for which Sum he is to account.

The Council being informed by the Hon'ble Navy Board, that application has been made to them by the Hon'ble Continental Board of War for Two Fire Ships, to act in conjunction with a Fleet intended to be sent down the Cape May Channel, and the Navy Board requested our advice and direction of therein,

On consideration that the Fire Ships were intended to annoy the Enemy in the narrow part of the River, & is considered as a respectable part of the defence of this City, the Council cannot consent to part with them but on the strongest assurance of others being immediately prepared to supply their place with all possible expedition.

The Council taking into consideration the probability of a demand of Waggons being made in the County of Northampton, thereupon,

Ordered, That where Waggons are necessary for the use of the Continental Army, that the Waggon master of the said County of Northampton, on application to him for that purpose, do furnish with all possible expedition the number of Waggons which may be necessary, any direction which he may have received from this Council to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday July 18, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
Jonathan Hoge, & John Proctor, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, for the Sum of Seven Pounds, in favor of Henry Emhard, for riding express for and by order of Major Gen'l Armstrong.

Gen'l Potter having applied to Council for Boats to bring the Militia now at Chester from thence to Billingsport; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Navy Board be requested to supply Gen'l Potter with as many Boats as may be necessary for the purpose, when he shall demand them.

Gen'l Armstrong & Gen'l Potter attended the Council on the general situation of our Military affairs.

The Council taking into consideration the return of Justices for the Township of Little Britain, & there appearing some objections to the appointment of one of the Gentlemen returned,

Ordered That Tuesday the 12th day of August next, be appointed for the hearing of the parties, at Ten O'Clock in the forenoon, in this Chamber, and that notice thereof be given to the Inspector & Judges who made the return.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Edw'd Stroud, for the Sum of Ten Pounds, for riding Express.

Agreed, That Capt. Downy be ordered up from Billingsport.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday July 21, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble Jonathan Hoge, Esq'r.

Ordered, That Gen'l Armstrong be furnished with the late Resolutions of Congress respecting the Fortifications intended to be erected at Billingsport, & that he be requested to give the necessary orders to have the same carried into immediate execution.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Wm. Crispin, (Commissary), for the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, July 22, 1777

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, John Proctor, John Evans, & } Esquires.

The Council being informed that Mr. Thomas Barclay had imported a small Cargo of Salt in Tom's River, in New Jersey, & that Mr. Barclay had been offered Ten Dollars ℔ Bushel for it, at which price he is willing to sell it to the Council for the use of the People of this State,

On motion, agreed, That the Secretary be ordered to purchase the said Cargo of Salt at the said price, on condition that it remain at the risque of the present Owner for eight days from this time.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, for which Mr. Nesbitt is to account.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday July 23, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, Jos. Hart, & John Proctor, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.

John Thompson, Esq'r, Sheriff of the County of Bucks, made return of an Election for the choosing a Councellor for the said County, by which it appears that Joseph Hart, Esq'r, was duly elected Councellor for the said County of Bucks; And Jos. Hart, Esq'r, attended, took the Oath required by the Constitution to Qualify him to act as Councellor, and thereupon took his seat in Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Benjamin Davis be requested to assist Capt. Denny in Surveying the Ground near the River Delaware, as far downward as they may find practicable and advantageous.

Joseph Reed, Esq'r, attended the Council & gave (in writing) his reasons for declining to accept the office of Chief Justice.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday July 24, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y, THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans,
Jonathan Hoge, &
Joseph Hart, } Esquires.

The Petition of Catherine Murphy & Mary Green, setting forth, That at the City Court holden the Twenty-third instant, they were sentenced to receive fifteen lashes a piece, on Saturday next, at the Public Whipping Post, on a Conviction for two several felonies, and praying for their reasons therein mentioned, that the Council will free them from the Punishment that is ordered to be imposed on them, & the Judges of the said Court having recommended the Petitioners to the Clemency of the Council; thereupon,

Ordered, That Catherine Murphy & Mary Green be pardoned, so far as relates to the inflicting of the Corporal Punishment ordered by the City Court.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for the Sum of Ten thousand Dollars, (intended to be subject to the draft of the Board of War.)

The Board of War having informed the Council that the last Detachment of Col. Proctor's Regiment was to march this day, in consequence of which Fort Island would be left without a Guard; thereupon,

Ordered, That Gen. Potter be requested to send a proper guard to take care of the Artillery Stores, &ca., on the said Island.

The Council taking into consideration a letter from Gen'l Washington, dated 9th instant, requesting that a survey may be made of such parts of the River Delaware, & land adjacent, as may be of Military use, in case the enemy should bend their force this way; And thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Nathan Sellers be directed to make a Survey of the River Delaware, for the purpose aforesaid, from Schuylkill to Christiana Creek.

That Colo. Lalor be directed to make a like survey from Christiana Creek downward.

That on the East side of the River, Capt. J. Downey be authorized to make a like Survey, beginning at Cooper's Ferry & extending downward to Salem; And, That Mr. Benja. Davis be appointed to make a like Survey, beginning at Salem & extending downward; and that proper instructions be drawn and delivered to each of them.

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Ordered, That David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, do supply Messrs. Sellers, Lollar, Downy & Davis, with what Money shall be necessary, from time to time, for completeing the Surveys ordered to be made on the Delaware.

Mr. John Adams, Mr. Sam'l Adams, Colo. Lee, and Colonel Harrison, of the Continental Board of War, attended in Council to consult with them on the means of procuring the earliest intelligence of the approach of the Enemies' Fleet on our Coast, should they come this way, and laid before them a Letter from His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, dated —— instant, recommending this measure; thereupon,

Ordered, That Capt. Hunn, Benja. Jones, & James Martin, go immediately down to the Capes for the said purpose, and that instructions be given them for their conduct therein; & An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Capt. Hunn, for the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, to hire expresses & Pay such Expenses as may accrue, and for which Sum he is to account to the Board.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Friday July 25, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon. GEORGE BRYAN. Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans,
Jonathan Hoge, and } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,

The Council took into consideration the returns of Justices elect from several Counties, & thereupon were commissioned accordingly.

Agreed that Rob't Patterson, John Vandergrist, Tho's Long, & Martin Shipe, be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Bucks; & That Will'm McMullen be appointed a Justice of Peace for the County of Philadelphia; And That Thomas Levis, Tho's Boyd, Rob't Ralston, John Hart, and Rich'd Reiley, be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Chester; And That Cha's Shoemaker, Giddy Myer, & Jac'b Morgan, be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Berks, & were Commissioned accordingly; And That John Read, David Jenkin, & George Reed be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Lancaster, & were Commissioned accordingly; James Whitesides & Patrick Ewing, appointed August 12th, and the Commission including these bears that date; ditto John Hubley, Esq'r.

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An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Michael Hay, for the Sum of Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings, for riding express.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esqr'r, Treasurer, in favour of George Gintner, for the Sum of Seven Pounds five Shillings, for riding express.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday July 26, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y, THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans,
Jonathan Hoge, & } Esqr's.
Joseph Hart,

On Motion, Agreed, That it be recommended to the Navy Board to furnish Gen. Du Coudray with a convenient Boat, whenever he may call upon them for one.

Gen. Du Coudray attended the Council, & enquired what Ordinances had been provided for the Fortifications at Billingsport; and thereupon, after enquiry made on this subject,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to inform Gen. Du Coudray of the number of Pieces of Ordnance in the State House Yard, as returned by Capt. Stiles.

The Council being informed on Oath, that the Public Records of the County of Westmoreland had been in an unlawful & Clandestine manner, removed & Secreted, and that there is reason to suspect that they are removed to, and secreted in the Borough of Lancaster, and that Mich'l Hoofnagle, late Deputy Prothonotary of the said County, had removed & Secreted the said Records, &c.; thereupon,

Ordered, That John Hubly, Esq'r, of the Borough of Lancaster, be authorised & empowered to search for, demand, take, & receive the said Books, Records, Papers, & Seals, or such of them as may be found: And for the more effectual recovery of the same, that he be directed to apply to, and demand of Mich'l Hubley, Esq'r, & Will'm Henry, Esq'r, Justices of the Peace for the County of Lancaster, for their Special Warrant, enabling the Sheriff of the said County, or any Peace Officer, to enter, in the day time, into any dwelling, or other House, within the said County of Lancaster, and there to make diligent search for the said Records, Books, Papers, & Seals, and if the same, or any of them be there found, to bring them before the said Justices, in order that they may be delivered

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into the Custody of the said John Hubley; And That Mich'l Hubley & Will'm Henry, Esq'r, be commanded & empowered to grant the search Warrant before mentioned, to search any particulrr House or Houses, as aforesaid, due cause to suspect that the said Records, Books, Papers, & Seals, or any of them, be concealed therein, be to you shewn; And That, as the said Mich'l Hoofnagle is now at Camp, His Excell'y Gen. Washington be requested to send the said Mich'l Hoofnagle to this City immediately, to answer his conduct herein.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Sunday July 27, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
John Evans, John Proctor, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Mr. Wynkoop, from Bucks County, attending, and having represented that the Committee for driving off Cattle from that County are too few; thereupon,

Ordered, That John Vandegrift, Arthur Watts, James Wallace, Joshua Anderson, & Joseph Thomas, be added to the Committee for removing Cattle, in the County of Bucks.

Ordered, That the Committee for removing of Cattle be informed of the arrival of part of the Enemy's Fleet at Egg Harbor, and reminded of the necessity of holding themselves in readiness to perform that duty whenever their judgment shall point it out to be necessary.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday July 28, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
John Evans, John Proctor, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge &,

Gen'l Wayne & Gen'l Nash attended the Council, & laid before them the situation of the Army now marching towards this City.

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A Petition signed by a number of Inhabitants of the Borough of Bristol, praying a redress of a grievous insult offered to that Borough by a certain Capt. Sims, was presented & read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Caleb Davis, Esq'r, Prothonotary of the County of Chester, complained that Henry Hale Graham, Esq'r, late Prothonotary, had under divers pretences, neglected to deliver up to him, the said Davis, the Books, Records, Papers & Seals belonging to the said Office; Whereupon the Council, taking into consideration the great danger to which the same are exposed, by reason of the approach of the Enemy,

Ordered, That a Warrant be made out & directed to the said Caleb Davis, Esq'r, authorizing & empowering him to enter, in day time, with proper assistants, the dwelling House & Out Houses of the said Henry Hale Graham, Esq'r, & search for & take possession of, & secure in some safe place the Books, Records, Papers & Seals belonging to the said Office, & requiring him to make returns of what he may do herein to the Council.

On motion, Agreed, That Tho's McKean, Esq'r, be appointed Chief Justice of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and was ordered to be Commissioned Accordingly.

On motion, Agreed, That Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esq'r, be appointed Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Hon'ble Congress, by their Resolve of this date, wherein it is recommended in the following manner, Viz:

"United States in Congress Assembled, Monday July 28, 1777.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania to call out Four thousand of the Militia, in addition to those already called forth, & as their service is immediately wanted, that they call forth such as can be soonest collected.

On motion, Agreed, That the City of Philadelphia furnish One Class of the Militia, Philadelphia County Two Classes, Bucks County One Class, Chester County One Class, Lancaster County One Class, York County One Class, Cumberland County One Class, & Northampton County One Class, & that orders be immediately issued to the Lieutenants to bring out the said Militia with all possible expedition. Also, that a detachment of the Artillery of the City of Philadelphia, equal to three-eighths parts of the whole, be called into service.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday July 29, 1777

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Ordered, That a Writ be issued to the Sheriff of the County of York, for holding an Election for a Councellor for the said County, & to be returned to the President in Council, on or before the 19th day of August next.

The Committee appointed to drive off the Stock (in case of the Enemies approach) from the frontier part of Chester County, represented to Council that Mr. Ash & Mr. Harvey cannot attend that duty, & they request an addition to their number,

On motion, Agreed, That John Pearson, Nicholas Deihl, Isaac Hendrickson, Isaac Serril, Harvey Lewis, & Ja'o Richards, be added to the Committee for driving off the Stock on the Enemies' approach.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Henry, Esq'r, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, for which Sum he is to account.

Ay order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Robert Smith, Esq'r, for the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes, & purchasing Blankets, &ca., & for which Sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday July 30, 1777.

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice-President.

John Evans, Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

The State Navy Board informed the Council that "the Congress has empowered the Continental Navy Board to purchase twelve Vessels, to be fitted out as Fire Ships, & that the Continental Navy Board had applied to them to fit out those Vessels," & ask the Council to signify their approbation of the measure, and at the same time informing them that there is combustibles for Four Fire Ships now ready.

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On consideration, agreed, That the Council approve of the State Navy Board undertaking to fit out the Fire Ships ordered by Congress, & recommend to the Navy Board to take care that there is no misunderstanding respecting the mode of paying this expence.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday July 31, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
John Evans, Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Agreed, That application be made to Congress for the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the Payment of Debts contracted, or which may be contracted for, or by order of Congress, for the Payment of the Militia, &c.

An order on Thomas Smith, Esq'r, Committee of the Loan Office for the State of Pennsylvania, was accordingly sent up to the Council, & by the President made Payable to Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, for the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia furnish Colo. Nichols with One Hundred and Fifty Men of the Militia, to assist the City Guards in the charge of their important duty.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. John Proctor, to be forwarded by Sebastian Levan, Esq'r, to Colo. Jacob Morgan, Lieutenant of the County of Berks, &

Ordered, That the same be Charged to the said Colo. Jacob Morgan, Lieut. of the County of Berks, which was delivered to Sebastian Levan, Esq'r, for the said Colo. Morgan.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A. Friday August 1st, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, Joseph Hart, & } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, John Proctor, }

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favour of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Dean Timmons, for the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars, and directing the same to be charged to Commodore Tho's Seymour, agreeable to his order, in favor of the said Dean Timmons.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of the Secretary, for the Sum of Eighteen Thousand Pounds, to be by him forwarded to the following Lieutenants & Sub-Lieutenants of the Counties, To Wit: To Col. Rob't Smith, Lieutenant of the County of Chester, the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, to be accounted for by him: To Colo. Joseph Kirkbride, Lieutenant of the County of Bucks, the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account: To Colo. Bartram Galbraith, Lieutenant of the County of Lancaster, the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account; To Colo. James Gregory, Sub-Lieutenant of Cumberland, the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account; To Colo. Richard McCallister, Lieutenant of the County of York, the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account; To Colo. John Wetzell, Lieutenant of the County of Northampton, the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, for which Sum he is to account. And the Secretary is directed to forward it accordingly.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Crispin, Esq'r, Commissary, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Will'm Coates, Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

And the following Orders were drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, viz:

In favor of Abraham Bennett, for the Sum of Seven Pounds ten Shillings, for riding express from Cape May to this City, on public business.

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In favor of James Wilson, for the Sum of Seven Pounds ten Shillings, for riding express from Cape May to this City, on Public Business.

In favor of John Hart, Esq'r, for such Sums as he may occasion for, in completeing the survey from Salem downwards.

Sam'l Morris, Esq'r, Register of Wills for the City & County of Philadelphia, attended the Council, and represented that he apprehended the Records & Papers belonging to the said Office is in danger from the approach of the Enemy, & prayed the advice & direction of the Council therein. On consideration,

Ordered, That Samuel Morris, Esq'r, Register of Wills for the City & County of Philadelphia, be directed, in case of the approach of the Enemy, to remove at the Public Expence, all the Records & Papers belonging to his Office, to a place of Safety.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday Aug't 2d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, Joseph Hart, }

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Matthew Welden, for the Sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, for riding express from Cape May, on public Business.

On motion,

Agreed, That John Morris, jun'r, Esq'r, be appointed to attend the next Court of Quarter Sessions at Lancaster & Reading, as Attorney of this Commonwealth at the said Courts.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday Aug't 4, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, and Joseph Hart. } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Dav'd Hand, for the Sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, for riding express from Cape May to this City, on Public Business.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Smith, for the Sum of , for riding express several times on Public Business.

An order was Drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Coates, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, to Pay Substitutes, & for which he is to account.

Ordered, That the Secretary pay to Will'm Coates, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, remaining of the Eighteen thousand drawn for in his favor, he having sent to Colo. Galbraith the sum of Three thousand Pounds, instead of Four thousand Pounds, & that he inform David Rittenhouse, Esq'r.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Aug't 5, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, & Joseph Hart. } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Aug. 6, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, & Joseph Hart. } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Sam'l Smith, Esq'r, Sub Lieutenant of the County of Bucks, for the Sum of Nine hundred Pounds, to be charged to Colo. Jos. Kirkbride, Lieiutenant of the said County, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes, purchasing Blankets, &ca., for which sum he is to account.

The Petition of upwards of Twenty of the Freeholders of the Town & Township of Easton, and of Forks Township in the County of Northampton, setting forth that Rob't Traill & Henry Fullert, Esq'rs, had declined, & still continue to decline to take the Oaths necessary to qualify them to act in the Office of Magistrate, & that great inconveniences unavoidably & daily arise from there being no Magistrate resident in the said Town of Easton, & also setting forth that it is necessary that one or more Magistrates should be seated in the said Town of Easton, &ca., &ca., was read, & the same being considered; thereupon,

On motion, Agreed, That Rob't Levers and Abraham Berlin be appointed & Commissioned as Justices of the Peace for the said County of Northampton, & that they be Commissioned accordingly, in the room of the said Rob't Traill & Henry Fullert.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Ja's Loughead, Paymaster of the City Militia, for the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, from the Continental Navy Board, applied to Council & requested that a Pilot may be put on Board each of Two Ships intended to be ordered down the Bay by the said Navy Board; thereupon,

Ordered, That the States Navy Board be directed to furnish the Continental Navy Board with Two Pilots, either from among the Chevaux-de-Frize Pilots now in the Pay of this State, or any other Pilots which they may be able to obtain for the said Purpose.

The Council taking into consideration that there does not remain any great necessity of continuing the board of War, & that strict attention ought to be given to the saving the public money; thereupon,

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Ordered, That the thanks of the Council be given to the Gentlemen of the Board of War, for their services to the State, & that they be discharged from further service as a board of War.

Dr. Witherspoon, by a Card, presented his Compliments to the Vice President, & request that Ja's Scott, David Walker, & John Carson, (who were committed to gaol some time ago, as suspicious persons,) may be delivered to his Custody; thereupon,

Ordered, That they be delivered to Doc't Witherspoon's care, to be retured when called for.

Ordered, That a writ be issued for imprisoning Lewis Gordon, Esq'r, late Prothonotary of the County of Northampton, under the late Government.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday Aug. 7, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, & Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

Jacob Hiltzheimer, in behalf of the Quarter Master General, applied to Council for sixty Waggons, for the service of the Army; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Waggon-Master of the Several Counties, each of them furnish a proportion of that number, according to the number out of each County, having regard as much as may be to the conveniency of individuals.

A Letter from Gen'l Hand, dated Fort Pitt, 24th July, 1777, requesting that orders may be given to the Militia Officers of Westmoreland & Bedford, to furnish him with what Men they can spare, for the purpose of penetrating the Indian Country & destroying their settlements, which he apprehends to be necessary to prevent the continuance of the Cruelties which they have lately practised, as appears inclosed in the General's letter,

Ordered, That the Letter from Gen'l Hand, dated Fort Pitt, 24th July, 1777, with paper contained therein, be sent to Congress, for their consideration & direction thereon.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Col. Coats, Lieut. for the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes & purchasing Blankets, &ca., for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favour of Mr. John Beaton, Paymaster of the Chester County Militia, for the Sum of One Thousand Eight hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Frederick Schneyder, for the Sum Fifty-Two Pounds Three Shillings and Nine Pence, for his Wages & several small Articles purchased by him.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Adam Strieker, for the Sum of Eleven Pounds Two Shillings & three Pence, for riding express.

Ordered, That John Bautlett, a Prisoner in the new Goal, be enlarged on Parole.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday August 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, Joseph Hart, }

The Council taking into consideration that there remains many accounts yet open in consequence of the Contracts made by the Board of War, which will for some time require the attention of a Clerk to adjust and settle them, as well as to pay the Balances which may be yet due; thereupon

Ordered, That Jacob S. Howell, late Clerk of the Board of War, be continued to settle the Accounts of that Board, & that Money be put into his hands from time to time, to pay such Balances as may appear to be due.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday August 9, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge,
John Proctor, & } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Crispin, for the Sum of Six hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Continental Board of War having made application to the Council for a guard, in case it shall be found necessary to remove the Prisoners from Lancaster; thereupon,

Ordered, That on application of the Commissary of Prisoners, or his Deputy, the Lieutenant of the County of Lancaster, do furnish the Guard which may be necessary for the said purpose.

Mr. James Dundass applied for Money to pay off several Contracts with Workmen, for tools, &ca., and an order was drawn on Jacob S. Howell, in favour of said James Dundass, for the Sum of One thousand five hundred pounds, for which he is to account.

On motion, agreed, That Mr. John White be appointed paymaster of the Militia of the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. John Sullivan, a Prisoner on Parole, having prayed an enlargement of his Bounds; thereupon, Agreed, That he be indulged with the liberty of the City & County on the West side of Delaware for Six Miles.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday August 11, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble JOHN EVANS, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge,
John Proctor, & } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,

The Petition of Negro Harry, formerly a Slave of Jo'n Humphrey's setting forth, that he was Manumitted in due form by his said Master, & Ann Humphreys, the Widow of his deceased master, is about to sell him to a person whom, he is apprehensive, will immediately

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carry him out of this State to places far remote from his Witness, & where, it is probable, he may be detained during his life, &ca; & that by reason of the Courts of Justice being shut, he can procure no process whereby his person may be secured till the matter in dispute can be legally determined; & therefore prays that measures may be taken, so as to secure his person from injury till the Courts of Justice shall be opened, as to this Council may seem expedient; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mrs. Ann Humphreys (Widow of Mr. Jonathan Humphreys, late of this City,) be written to, requesting that she will not proceed in selling the aforesaid Negro Harry, until she shall make it clearly appear that she has a right so to do.

Will'm Mollaston, one of the Pilots engaged in the service of this State by the late Council of Safety, applied for his discharge from that duty, in order to go on Board the Delaware Frigate; thereupon,

Ordered, That the aforesaid Wm. Mollaston be discharged according to his request.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday August 12, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Procter, & Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

Mr. Penrose, Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hunter, & other Gentlemen of the Light Horse, waited on the Council & informed that Benja. Chew, Esq'r, was, in conformity to the order of Council, made Prisoner, and remained at his own House as a Prisoner; and that the Hon'ble John Penn, Esq'r, was also made Prisoner, & would, at 12 O'Clock this day, be at the House of Will'm Allen, Esq'r, subject to the orders of the Council; And the Council thereupon,

Ordered, That information be given to Congress, that the Hon'ble John Penn, Esq'r, late Governor of Pennsylvania, & Benja. Chew, Esq., Chief Justice, Register General of Wills, &ca, & one of the Governor's Council of the same, have been made Prisoners agreeable to the recommendation of Congress; That both of them refuse to sign a Parole of any kind; and that Congress be requested immediately to order them to be removed out of the State.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum Seven thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on Jacob S. Howell for the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, in favor of Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman of the Naval Committee, for which he is to account.

Agreeable to the order of the day, Francis Armstrong of the Township of Little Britain, in the County of Lancaster, Complainant against James Whitesides, Justice elect of the said Township, George Ewing of the same place, & John Allison, one of the Judges of the Election for the choosing of Justices for the said Township, appeared and laid before the Council divers depositions and evidences said to be respecting the said Complaint, which having been duly examined, do not appear to contain any matter immediately relating either to the disqualification of the said Whitesides to fill the Office of a Justice of the Peace, or tending to prove any unfair proceedings at said Election.

And the Council taking the return of Justices for the Township of Little Britain, in the County of Lancaster, into their consideration, Agreed, That James Whitesides & Patrick Ewing be appointed Justices for the County of Lancaster.—[See a Minute of this appointment, antea pa. 251.]

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Aug. 13, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, } John Proctor, & } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, } Joseph Hart, }

The Continental Board of War having in writing desired that this Council will procure an Officer & Six Gentlemen of the Philadelphia Light Horse to escort John Penn & Benja. Chew, Esq'rs, as Prisoners to Fredericksburg, in Virginia, and direct them to call at the War Office & receive their instructions as soon as possible, and the resolutions of Congress respecting the removal of the aforesaid Gentlemen being read; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Officers of Light Horse of this City be requested to select from among themselves & their escort an officer & Six Gentlemen to escort John Penn & Benj'a Chew, Esq'rs, as Prisoners to Fredericksburg, in Virginia, & that the escort call at the Continental War Office & receive their instructions as soon as possible.

Gen'l Du Coudray having applied to Council for a House at Fort Island,

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Ordered, That Gen'l Du Coudray be furnished with the House on Fort Island which may best his conveniency.

A Letter from Gen'l Potter respecting the promise of the Sub-Lieutenants of Bucks County to their people, that they shall be discharged when the time of those that entered first is out,

Ordered, That a Copy of the said Letter be sent to Col. Kirkbridge, Lieutenant of the County of Bucks.

Mr. White, lately appointed Paymaster of this State, having declined to accept that appointment, as he chose to enter the Service in another line,

On motion, Agreed, That Capt. Thos. Dorsey be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of this State.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Will'm Crispin, for the Sum Two Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Committee of Philadelphia County appointed to drive off Cattle, &ca, request that Joseph Ashton & Simon Bennett, of Lower Dublin, & John Rode and John Stevenson, of Byberry, be added to that Committee; & on consideration, Agreed that they be added to the said Committee accordingly.

On motion, Agreed, That Col. Nicola furnish a proper guard over John Penn & Benja. Chew, Esq'rs, to relieve the Gentlemen of the Light Horse from that duty until the Continental Board of War shall take charge of them.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Capt. Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster of the Militia of this State, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

Divers depositions relating to abuses offered to several persons therein named, of the County of York, by Lieut. Reynolds, Lieut. McCoy, of Capt. Steele's Company, & one Ogilvie, being laid before the Council & read, thereupon a Warrant was issued, directed to James Claypoole, Esq'r, Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia, to apprehend the said Lieut. Reynolds, Lieut. McCoy, and Ogilvie, & bring them or either of them, before this Council, to answer the complaints contained in the depositions aforesaid.

On motion, Agreed, That Mr. Marshall Edwards be appointed Paymaster of the County of Philadelphia Militia.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday Aug't 13th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, and Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

The Rev'd Doct. Ewing, in behalf of Benja. Chew, Esquire, appeared in the Council, & declared Mr. Chew's willingness now to sign the Parole offered to him, & requested that he might be permitted to do so, at the same time declaring that Mr. Chew had not refused to sign the Parole offered to him, from any want of respect to the Council, but from a desire that the cause of his Arrest might have been inserted in the Warrant for arresting him, in order that he might be able to satisfy his friends upon what he is Arrested, & that it may not be supposed that he stands charged with having committed any crime against the States, but that he is arrested as an Officer under the late Government of Pennsylvania.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Peter Dehaven, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Crispin, for the Sum of four Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

Lieut. Will'm McCoy, & Ensign John Reynolds, were brought by the Sheriff before the Council, & on examination, it appearing that they were the persons charged with being guilty of a riot in the County of York, on the 2nd of this instant, August, & thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Will'm McCoy & John Reynolds do give security for their appearance at the next Court of Quarter Sessions in the County of York, there to answer the said charge, each of them himself in the Sum of £150, & two sufficient securities for each, in the Sum of £150 for such appearance, and that they stand committed until such security is given.

Whereas, In the course of the examination of the aforesaid Will'm McCoy & John Reynolds, it appears that Serjeant And'w Byer, in Capt. Nichols' Company; Ezekiel Sample, in Capt. Steele's Company; ——— Davis, in Capt. Butler's Company; Ensign ———Wilson, of Erwin's Comp'y, Will'm Coyle, or Kyle, John Hogg, Ensign, & John Magee, Ensign, have been active in the said Riot; therefore the Council issued a Writ, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia, authorizing him to appre-

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hend the said Andrew Byer, Ezekiel Sample, Davis, Wilson, Coyle, or Kyle, John Hogg, & John Magee, & bring them, or any of them, before this Council, to answer the complaints aforesaid.

Doctor Drummond having applied to the Council by Petition, praying to be enlarged on Parole, the same was now taken into consideration, & thereupon,

Ordered, That his parole be taken to confine him to his House, & on the West Side of Delaware, within Two Miles of the same.

The Parole to contain the conditions in other respects contained in Mr. Smith's Parole, lately taken.

Colo. Bull, Adjutant General, applied to Council for assistance in removeing the Troops from Billingsport to Fort Island; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Navy Board do give the necessary assistance in removing the Troops from Billingsport to Fort Island.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Matthias Bush procure One thousand Knapsacks for the use of the Militia of this State, on the best terms they can be had, for which he shall be allowed One Shilling each as Commission—the price of materials & making to be charged at the first cost.

And'w Byers, John Hogg, & Ezekiel Semple, were brought before the Council & examined. Whereupon, John Hogg & Ezekiel Semple were discharged, the evidence against them being insufficient to justify the detaining them. And'w Byers appearing to have been concerned in the above mentioned riot, was ordered to give security for his appearance at the next Court of Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of York, to answer the said charge himself, in the Sum of Fifty Pounds, & one sufficient surety in the like Sum.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday August 15, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Evans, John Proctor, & Jonathan Hoge, Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Michael Boyer, for the Sum of Twenty-Two Pounds fourteen Shillings & Six Pence, for riding express.

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An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Michael Hay, for the Sum of Six Pounds Fifteen Shillings, for riding express.

The Petition of Henry Funk & George Kreibel, complaining that they have been for some days past, confined in the Goal of Northampton County, by commitment of Henry Lumbeck, Esq'r, because they had refused to take the Test of Allegiance directed to be taken by the Act of Assembly passed the 13th day of June last, & praying a day might be appointed for the hearing of said complaint, was read, & thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to the said Frederick Lemboch, Esq'r, & inform him of the said Petition, and explaining the Law respecting the foundation on which a Commitment on a suspicion of a Spy is to be founded, & also to desire the said Magistrate not to extend the said Law in the execution thereof, beyond what it will justify, & to recommend to the said Magistrate, in case any difficulty should arise in the discharge of the Petitioners, to take two other Magistrates to his assistance, & re-consider the case; And if any difficulty shall prevent the enlargement of the Petitioners, Tuesday the ninth of September is appointed for hearing of the Parties.

A Resolve of Congress of this Date, recommend to this Council, for the reasons therein mentioned, to Arrest & confine Thomas Lightfoot, being read; thereupon,

Ordered, That Congress be informed that Thomas Lightfoot is not an inhabitant of this State.

The Council taking into consideration the demand made by General Gates, of Seven Hundred & Fifty Men to his Assistance in the Northern Department,

Ordered, That the second Class of the Militia of Bucks County, & the second Class of the Militia of Northampton, repair immediately to Peckskiln, & there wait the orders of Gen'l Gates.

On motion, Agreed, That James Hamilton, John Lawrence, Edward Shippen, jun'r, Joseph Shippen, jun'r, & James Humphreys, Esq'r, have the bounds prescribed in their respective Paroles enlarged to the whole State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Melchoir, Barrack Master, applied to Council by Letter, requesting to be supplied with Money for laying in a Stock of Wood for the Barracks, against the coming Winter; on consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Melchoir be informed that Council do not think the application to this Board for Money to purchase a Stock of Wood is proper or necessary, as it is no part of the Business of the Council to furnish Wood for the Troops, & therefore decline supplying the Money he asks for.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday Aug't 16, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.
John Proctor,&

Colo. Cook applied to the Council for a certified copy of the Minutes of the Council of Safety, respecting the appointment of Colo. Johnson, Colo. Humpton, & himself; thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. J. S. Howell furnish Colo. Cook with the said Minutes.

On Motion, Agreed, That Will'm Augustus Atlee, Esq'r, of the Borough of Lancaster, be appointed & commissioned Second Judge, & that John Evans, Esq'r, of the County of Chester, be appointed & commissioned Third Judge of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth. Commissions made out & dated this day.

Ordered, That the Navy Board do supply Major Gen'l Armstrong on his application, with Boats from time to time, to remove the Militia from Billingsport, or for other purposes, as he may see occasion.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A., Monday Aug't 18, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Baily, John Proctor, & } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, Joseph Hart,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Benja. Brannon, Lieut. of the County of Chester, for the Sum of One Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes & purchasing Blankets, &ca.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Capt. Thos. Dorsey, or his order, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to be applied to Pay the Militia, & for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Jacob S. Howell, in favor of Mr. James Dundas, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Aug't 19, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Baily,
Jonathan Hoge, & } Esq'rs.
John Proctor,

On motion, Agreed, That Isaac Mackey & Joseph Gardner, of the County of Chester, Esq'rs, they, or either of them, be appointed & Authorised, by *Dedimus Potestatum*, to administer to Thomas McKean, Esq'r, Chief Justice of the Peace of this State, the Oaths or Affirmations required to Qualify him for the said Office, according to the Constitution & Laws of this Commonwealth; And also, to administer to John Evans, Esq'r, Third Judge in & for the said State, the Oaths or Affirmations required to Qualify him for the said office, according to the Constitution & laws of this Commonwealth; and that Michael Hubley & John Hubley, Esq'r, be appointed & authorized as aforesaid, to administer the said Oaths or Affirmations to Will'm Atlee, Esq'r, Second Judge of the said State.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Hubley, Esq'r, for the Sum of One thousand Five hundred Pounds, towards defraying the Expences of building a Powder Magazine & Store Houses at Lancaster, he being appointed a Commissioner for that purpose by the Council of Safety, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Hubley, Esq'r, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, for the purpose of defraying the expences of the Militia in & about Lancaster last Winter, when on their March to this City, to be paid to the Hon'ble Will'm Atlee, Esq'r, & for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Hubley, Esq'r, for the Sum of Six hundred & fifty Pounds, to be also paid to the Hon'ble William Atlee, Esq'r, to purchase Blankets with, & for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Jacob S. Howell, in favor of Mr. Isaac Melchor, Barrack Master, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

Hillary Baker, jun'r, was recommended by Six of the Justices of the County of Philadelphia, to be a Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Aug. 20, 1777

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor. } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Peter Dehaven applied to Council for a Still bottom of Copper, to be used in the Gun Factory, and an order was given to him for the same; accordingly directed him to go & take the same.

Ordered, That Peter Dehaven call on Rob't Morris, Esq'r, for the Gun Locks in his hands belonging to this State.

Ordered, That application be made to Congress for their advice respecting the Militia now coming in, whether the situation of Public Affairs will admit of their being discharged or not.

On motion, Agreed, That John Carithers, of East Pennsborough, in the County of Cumberland, be appointed Lieut. of the said County, & that he be commissioned accordingly.

On motion, Agreed, That Lieut. Col. Will'm Clerke be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Cumberland, & that Philip Marsteller, Esq'r, be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Lancaster.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Crispin, Commissary, for the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Council being informed that Capt. Jos. Watkins had ordered the Copper belonging to this State to be brought to this City; thereupon,

Ordered, That Capt. Watkins be ordered to deliver the said copper to Peter Dehaven without delay.

On motion, Agreed, That the Paymaster of the Militia of this State be allowed Pay and Rations as a Colonel, with a reasonable allowance for his expences & loss of time in settling his accounts, if this shall happen when he is not in Pay.

On motion, Agreed, That the respective County Paymasters of the Militia be allowed Pay & Rations as a Major, with a reasonable allowance for his expenses & loss of time in settling his Accounts, if this shall happen when he's not in Pay.

Colo. Berker, of the Sixth Pennsylvania Battalion in Continental Service, sent in an arrangement of the Officers of his Battalion, & recommended John Markland, Philip Sneider, John Foster, and

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Charles Mackenett, to be appointed Ensigns in the said Battalion; thereupon,

Ordered, That John Markland, Philip Sneider, John Foster, & Charles Mackenett, be appointed Ensigns in the Sixth Pennsylvania Battalion in the Continental service, & that the Commissions of the first named of them bear date this day, & the others in the order as they stand named, each one day later than the Commission of him who stand named next before him.

Peter Dehaven, one of the Supervisors of the Factory of Muskets & other Arms, heretofore established at French Creek, in Chester County, by the late Council of Safety, representing to the Council that the Committee of Assembly now setting on the accounts of the said Council of Safety, & also of the late Committee of Safety, do not consider themselves authorized to proceed to examine & settle the Accounts of said Supervisors later than the 5th day of March last, the date of the dissolution of the said Council of Safety; & the same objection being made by the said Committee of Accounts on the application of Council to them; Council do hereby request and authorize the Gentlemen of the said Committee of Accounts, to proceed to examine & Settle the Accounts of Peter Dehaven and James Carter, Superintendents of said Factories, and of all other persons employed by or continued in employ by the late Board of War of this State, inasmuch as their Accounts must, from their circumstances, necessarily be settled for & during the existence of said Board of War, in connection with former accounts of said persons under the Committee & Council of Safety.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday Aug't 21, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor. } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Will'm Dewees, Esq'r, late Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia, applied to Council some time ago, representing that by order of the Committee of Safety of the 20th of May, 1776, he had delivered to Colo. Shee, for the recruiting of his Battalion, Thirty-one Criminals, and he exhibited an account of the Fines, (due to the Governor & other Officers,) charges, &ca, from the said Criminals, amounting to the Sum of Two hundred & Forty-four Pounds, Eleven

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Shillings, & four Pence, besides the Sum of Six Pounds nine Shillings and Six Pence, due for Turnkey's Fees, which the Council conceiving to be unreasonable, & that it ought not to be paid, directed Mr. Dewees to make out an Account of the Fees really due to him, which being now exhibited, Amounting to the Sum of Fifty-six Pounds Nineteen Shillings & Six Pence, and the same being examined, was allowed & ordered to be paid. John Hubley, Esq'r, appeared, & his Account of attendance at the Council being adjusted, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said John Hubley, for the Sum of One hundred & nineteen pounds, Vizt:

For attendance,	days.
From 24 Novem., 1776, to the 12 Decem., inclusive, -	19
From 3 Jan'ry to the 12 Feb'ry, 1777, inclusive, - -	41
From 10 March to the 5 April, inclusive, - - -	27
	87

87 days, @ 25s, - - - - - -	£108	15
3 Mileages, 132 Miles each, at 5d each time,	8	5
		£117

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Thomas Dorsey, (Paymaster,) for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for the purpose of Paying the Militia.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Edw'd Stroud, for riding express, for the Sum of Nine Pounds nineteen Shillings & Six Pence.

An order was Drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Peck, for riding express, for the Sum of Four Pounds Eight Shillings & Six Pence.

Ordered, That Archibald McClean be appointed & Commissioned as Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the County of York.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday Aug't 22, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Baily, John Proctor. } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Caleb Davis, Esq'r, appeared in Council, & took the affirmation required by the Constitution of this State to Qualify him to act as one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Chester.

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On motion, Agreed, That Will'm Henry, Esq'r, be appointed & empowered to employ Workmen to make Arms for the use of the Militia of this State.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Jacob S. Howell, in favour of the Chairman of the State Navy Board, on his order, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for which the said Board is to account.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday Aug. 23, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor, Jonathan Hoge, & } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Col. Will'm Coats, Lieut. of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Two hundred & fifty Pounds, for the purpose of purchasing & Paying Substitutes.

On motion,

Ordered, That the first & Second Class of the Militia of Northampton be ordered to march to Lancaster, & there wait the orders of Gen'l Washington, any orders to the contrary thereof heretofore given notwithstanding.

On motion, Agreed, That Col. Henry, Lieut. of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia, do immediately complete, in the fullest manner, the third Class of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia, & March the same, without loss of time, to Downingstown, in Chester County, & also that he embody a Detachment, with suitable Officers, of the Artillery of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia, equal to three-eights of the whole of said Corps, & send them forthwith, with suitable Cannon, in the following Divisions, That is to say: One-half of them to the Borough of Chester, & the other half to Downingstown, in Chester County, there to receive Gen'l Washington's orders.

On motion, Agreed, That orders be immediately sent to Colo. Kirkbride, to send down the rest of the third Class of the Militia of Bucks County, or as Gen'l Armstrong may otherwise order.

The Navy Board informed the Council by Letter that the Continental Navy Board had requested that Three of our armed Galleys & two fire Vessels, may be sent down to the assistance of Capt. Alexander, & requested the order of Council thereupon.

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On consideration, Agreed, That the request of the Continental Navy Board be complied with; but that it be recommended to the State Navy Board to inform the Gentlemen aforesaid, that the Council think it necessary to observe, that the Galleys are not constructed for rough water, & that they hope the Boats will not be run into unnecessary danger.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday Aug't 25, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor, Jonathan Hoge, & } Esq'rs.

On motion, Agreed, That John Morris, jun'r, Esquire, be appointed to attend the next Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Chester, as Attorney of this Commonwealth in the said Court.

Ordered, That Jonathan B. Smith, Esquire, Prothonotary of the County of Philadelphia, do bring the Books & Papers belonging to the said Office to the City of Philadelphia.

On motion, Agreed, That Colo. Dan'l Hunter be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Berks.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Mathias Bush, for the Sum of One thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Thomas Dorsey, Paymaster, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Smith, for the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds, to be charged to Colo. Joseph Kirkbride, Lieut. of the County of Bucks, (to whom said Smith is to deliver it,) for the purpose of paying Substitutes and purchasing Blankets, &ca.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Aug't 26, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
John Bailey, John Proctor, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Gen'l Potter informed the Council that Col. Will'm Henry had in his possession four hundred or five hundred stand of Arms more than is wanted for the third Class of City Militia, and that the Militia of some of the Counties are in want of Arms, & propose that these be put into his hands for the purpose of Arming them; thereupon,

Ordered, That Colo. Henry be desired to deliver such Arms as he can spare to Gen'l Armstrong, to be put into the hands of the Militia.

The Navy Board having represented to Council that Commodore Hazlewood's Pay during the time of his attending & directing the fitting of the Fire Ships & Rafts, & recommending it to the consideration of the Council to make him a handsome allowance for his extra trouble & great attention to that department; thereupon,

Ordered, That Commodore Hazlewood be allowed & paid for his extra service in fitting out the Fire Ships & Fire Rafts, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds.

An order was drawn on Jacob S. Howell, in favor of James Dundas, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

Tho's Hale, Deputy Waggon Master General, applied to Council for Seven Waggons for Gen'l Nash's Brigade, the Quarter Master not being able to furnish him; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Justices of the County of Chester, or any of them, supply the said Mr. Hale with Seven Waggons, & that if they do not immediately furnish them, that Mr. Hale be empowered & authorized to impress them.

An order was Drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Thomas Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of four thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

On motion, Agreed, That as it does not suit the conveniency of Colo. Hunter to continue Paymaster of the County of Berks, Mr. Henry Spyker be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Berks.

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Colo. Ayres & Capt. Brown, of the Artillery of this City & Liberties, laid before the Council some inconveniences which will arise from ordering out three-eighths parts of the Artillery Militia in the City, & proposed that instead thereof, two complete Companys of Militia Artillery Men now go into service.

Application was now made by Colonel Flower, in the name of Gen. Knox, to borrow the two brass twelve Pounders Field Pieces belonging to this State, and he offers to leave in exchange for the present, two brass six Pounders for the use of the Militia; and Congress, by their resolve of this date, having recommended it to Council "to lend the Commander-in-Chief" the said two brass twelve Pounders; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Council will lend to the Commander-in-Chief the Two brass Twelve Pounders belonging to this State, & that they be delivered to Colo. Flower, on condition that two good brass six pounders be left in their stead, for the use of the Militia.

On motion, Agreed, That Jas. Irwin, Esq'r, be appointed a Brigadier Gen'l of this State.

Ordered, Than an express be sent to French Creek, with orders to Mr. Dehaven to send down immediately all the Arms in his possession which are fit for service, & an account of the Lead in his possession.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. John Weitzel, Lieut. of the County of Northampton, for the Sum of One Thousand and Five hundred Pounds, which he is to account for.

Ordered, That application be made to the Board of War, for an order to their Commissary of Stores to supply the Militia of this States, thro' Mr. Robert Towers, our Commissary, with such Stores as they may have occasion for & which he cannot furnish them with.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of this State, in favor of Mr. James Sutter, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be by him delivered to Mr. Tho's Savage, & charged to said Savage as director of Salt-works.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Aug't 27, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor, Jonathan Hoge, & } Esq'rs.

The Congress by a Resolve of yesterday, having recommended to this Council that "the leaden Spouts in Philadelphia be taken

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down for the use of the Laboratory," & it appearing to this Council to be a Salutary & necessary measure; therefore,

Resolved, That Evan Evans, Robert Allison, & James Worrell, be appointed to take down all such Spouts accordingly, & make a just valuation thereof.

And in conformity with another Resolve of the same date, founded on evident necessity & sound Policy,

Resolved, That the Colonel or Commanding officer of each Regiment of the City Militia, do appoint one or more Officers & a sufficient number of men in each ward, who shall search the Houses of all such of the "inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia, who have not manifested their attachment to the American cause, for Fire Arms, Swords & Bayonets; That the owners of the Arms so found be paid for them at an appraised Value, & that they be delivered to such of the Militia of the State of Pennsylvania who are at present unarmed & have been called into the field," and that a Constable attend each party during the said search, in order to keep the Peace.

And another Resolve of Congress of the same date, "requesting this State to cause all persons within the same notoriously disaffected, forthwith to be apprehended, disarmed, and secured, till such time as the State shall think they may be released without injury to the common cause;" the same was referred to further consideration.

N. B. The above mentioned Arms are to be put into the hands of the Lieut. of the City, for the aforesaid purpose.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Michael Boyer, for the Sum of Fourteen pounds & fourteen Shillings, for riding express on Public Business.

Mr. Robt. McGee petitioned the Council, praying to receive in Exchange, One large Copper bottom, one small raised ditto, and four parts proposed for large still heads for Copper, of equal quality in substance.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the said Petition be granted, & that the Commissary in whose hands the above mentioned Copper is, do exchange it accordingly.

Mr. Anthony Butler, agent for the Quarter Master General, applied to Council & requested to be supplied with forty Waggons & Twenty-four Artillery Horses.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Justices of the County of Philadelphia be required to send down immediately Twenty-five Waggons, & that the Justices of the County of Chester be required to send down Twenty-five Waggons, to be Subject to the orders of the Quarter Master General or his Agents.

On motion, Agreed, That Philip Boehm be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Northampton.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday Aug't 28, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor, & Joseph Hart. } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

Mr. McGee acquainted the Council that Mr. Watkins, in whose hands the Copper ordered to be exchanged yesterday, has refused to be at the trouble of exchanging it; therefore,

Ordered, That Capt. Watkins deliver the Copper in hands belonging to this State, to Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Crispin, Esq'r, for the sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for which he is to Account.

Mr. Joshua Williams having represented to the Council that the late Council of Safety had encouraged him to enlist a Company of Men, & had engaged to give him a Captain's Commission, on condition that he should do so, and that he has in consequence thereof, enlisted about Thirty Men to serve during the War, who are now ready to be marched to Camp; whereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Joshua Williams be entitled to receive a Captain's Commission, on his marching to Camp any number of effective Men not less than Twenty-five, enlisted to serve three Years, or during the War; and that a Captain's Commission be lodged in the hands of Major Gen'l Armstrong, to be delivered to Mr. Williams, on his producing a Certificate from a Gen'l Officer, that he has complied with the above condition.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Friday Aug't 29, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor, & Joseph Hart. } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

On motion, Agreed, That the Chevaux de Frize Pilots now in Pay of the State, be discharged.

The Committee appointed to drive off Cattle in the County of Bucks, having recommended the following persons to be added to

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their assistance, they are appointed to the assistance of the said Committee accordingly, Viz't:

Of Bensalem.—Benja. Severns, Laurence Johnson and Henry Bouser.

Of Bristol Township.—Robt. Patterson & John Barnsley.

Of Bristol Borough.—David Kennedy.

Of falls Township.—Tho's Harvey, Will'm Kilpatrick & Henry Pitner.

Of Middletown.—Jonathan Hibbs, Will'm Goslin & James Gregg.

Of Southampton.—Simon Vanarsdale, Nich's Varnarsdale & Seth Beans.

Of Northampton.—Garrat Dungan, Jacob Bennet & Christian Hegeman.

Of Newtown.—Peter Lefferty & Abram Johnson.

Of Lower Makefield.—Peter Vansant, Cornelius Slack & Cornelius Vansant.

Of Upper Makefield.—Jas. Mathews, Jas. McMear & Jas. Talbot.

Of Wright's Town.—Jas. Barron & Henry McKinstry.

Of Warwick.—Benja. Snodgrass, jun'r, And'w McMicken & John Ramsay.

Of Warminster.—Isaac Hoff & Charles Garrison.

Of Warrington.—Will'm Long & Robt. Weir.

Of New Britain.—Sam'l Weir and John Barton.

Of Buckingham.—John Carr, John Sample, Will'm Simpson & Will'm Bennett.

Of Salesbury.—Barnet Vanhorn, Will'm Neily & Josiah Winter.

Of Plumstead.—Robt. Gibson, John Dunlap & Dav'd Nesbitt.

Of Bedminster.—And'w Armstrong, Robt. McReily & Peter Stout.

Of Hill Town.—James Armstrong & Henry Lewis.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Gill, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Bucks, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be charged to Colo. Joseph Kirkbridge, Esq'r, Lieutenant of said County.

Orders were sent to Peter Dehaven, at French Creek, to send down as many Arms as are fit for service, & to send also as many Continental Arms as he can do, on an enclosed order from the Board of War; also to forward the Arms in the hands of John Baker, of Providence, if not already sent down.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday Aug. 30, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Joseph Hart. } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Commission to James Benezet, Esq'r, as Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Bucks, dated this day.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Benj'a. Brannon, Esq'r, for the Sum of One thousand Dollars, to be charged to Rob't Smith, Esq'r, Lieut. of the County of Chester, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes & Purchasing Blankets, &ca., for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Robert Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster, for the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, to be applied in Paying the Militia of this State, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Jacob S. Howell, in favor of Mr. Joshua Williams, for the Sum of Seven Hundred dollars, for the purpose of Paying Recruits inlisted by him to serve in the Pennsylvania line, for which Sum he is to account.

The Petition of Stephen Jos. Rouget, praying to obtain "a War Commission for his Brigatine James, of the Burthen of Eighty Tons, mounting Ten Carriage Guns of Four Pounders & Eighteen Swivels, navigated by Eighty Men, now lying in this river, Commanded by himself, was read, & Martin Jugiez offering himself as Surety, &ca.; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Commission be issued by the Secretary.

The following orders were drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, for riding Express, in favor of John Bird, for the Sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings; in favor of Jonathan Grey, for the Sum of Two Pounds Five Shillings; in favor of Lesher, for the Sum of Two Pounds Five Shillings.

Alexander Ramsey having had incouragement from the Council of Safety to raise a Company of Men for the Continental Army, and exerted himself in the attempt, but that he has only raised twelve Men, now prays that he may be indulged Six weeks longer to complete his Company, & in the mean time, that he will deliver over the twelve Men to some Continental officer in Service, who shall be accountable to Mr. Ramsey for them when demanded; to which the Council agreed.

Mr. Ramsey proposes Robert Brackenridge as Second Lieutenant.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Sunday Aug. 31, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor, & Joseph Hart. } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

Mr. Rittenhouse, Colo. Bradford, Colo. Delany & Capt. Peel, attended, in consequence of an invitation from Council, and the resolutions of Congress of the Twenty-eighth instant was communicated to them in confidence, & their assistance asked in forming out a List of persons dangerous to the State, & who ought to be arrested; and also in forming a list of Gentlemen proper to be authorized to arrest such dangerous persons; and the several Gentlemen expressed the utmost readiness in complying with the request of Council, & the following resolution was thereupon made, Viz't:

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Thirteen United States of North America have by their Resolves of the 21st inst., recommended to the Executive Powers of the several States to apprehend & secure all persons who have in their General conduct & conversation evidenced a disposition inimical to the Cause of America, particularly Joshua Fisher, Abel James, Jas. Pemberton, Henry Drinker, Israel Pemberton, John Pemberton, John James, Sam'l Pleasants, Thos. Wharton, Sen'r, Thomas Fisher, (Son of Joshua,) & Sam'l Fisher (Son of Joshua,) together with all such papers in their possession as may be of a Political nature, and that the persons so seized be confined in such places, & treated in such manner as shall be consistant with their respective Characters, & the security of their Persons; and that the Records & Papers of the Meeting of Sufferings of the Society of People called Quakers, in the several States, be forthwith secured, & that such parts of them as may be of a political nature, be forthwith transmitted to Congress:

And whereas, it is necessary for the Public safety of this time, when a British Army is landed in Maryland, with a professed design of enslaveing this free Country, & is now advanceing towards this City, as a principal object of hostility, that such dangerous persons be accordingly secured; therefore,

Resolved, That a suitable number of the friends to the Public cause be authorized forthwith to seize & Secure the Persons of the said xJoshua Fisher, xAbel James, xJames Pemberton, xHenry Drinker, xIsrael Pemberton, John James, xSam'l Pleasant, xTho's Wharton, sen'r, xTho's Fisher & Sam'l Fisher, (both Sons of Joshua,) and also xMyers Fisher, Elijah Brown, xHugh Roberts, xGeo. Roberts, Jos. Fox, xJohn Hunt, xSam'l Emlen, jun.,

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xAdam Kuhn, D. M, xPhineas Bond, xWill'm Smith, D. D., xRev'd Tho's Combe, xSam'l Shoemaker, Cha's Jervis, Will'm Drewett Smith, Cha's Eddy, xTho's Pike, (Dancing Master,) xOwen Jones, jun'r, xJerem'h Warder, Will'm Lennott, xEdw'd Pennington, xCaleb Emlen, Will'm Smith, xSam'l Murdock, Alex'd Stedman, Cha's Stedman, jun'r, xTho's Ashelton Merch, Will'm Imlay, xTho's Gilpin, xSam'l Jackson, xTho's Affllick & xJohn Pemberton.

Ordered, That the following instructions be also given:—Early attention should be given to John Hunt, who lives on the Germantown Road, about five Miles off the City, & to John Pemberton, Sam'l Emlen & others, leaders in the Society of Quakers, concerning Books & Papers. As to the rest, your own prudence must direct. Congress recommend it, & we wish to treat Men of reputation with as much tenderness as the Security of their Persons & Papers will admit. We desire, therefore, that if the persons whose names in the list are marked with a Cross x thus, offer to you, by promise in writing, to remain in their Dwellings, ready to appear on the demand of Council, & meanwhile to refrain from doing any thing injurious to the United Free States of North America, by Speaking, Writing or otherwise, & from giving intelligence to the Commander in Chief of the British Forces, or any other Person whatever, concerning public Affairs, you dismiss from further confinement of their Persons; but if such engagement, or a promise equivalent thereto, cannot be obtained, we desire that in such a case you confine the refusers, together with the others to whose names the said mark is not prefixed, in some convenient place under a Guard, with which the Town Major, Colo. Nichola, will supply you. The Free Masons' Lodge may be perhaps procured. It would serve as well as any other place for this purpose. You may perceive that Council would not without necessity commit many of the persons to the Common Goal, nor even to the State Prison.

Lieut. Colo. Clarke, of Cumberland County, representing to Council by direction of Gen'l Armstrong, the unfurnished condition of great numbers of the Militia of this State under the Command of Gen'l Armstrong, in respect of warm Cloathing & Blankets, without a supply whereof the Men must in the approaching Season Suffer & Sicken; The Council, to relieve in some measure those who are called out in the defence of their Country, & considering the repeated collections of Blankets made in this City, & the impossibility of purchasing such goods from Traders at this time,

Resolve, That Gen'l Armstrong employ proper persons to purchase Blankets of all persons disposed to sell, for the use of the Militia; they also

Resolve and authorize Gen'l Armstrong, if such purchases seem impracticable, to make an equal & moderate a levy of Blankets as circumstances will permit, upon the inhabitants of the County of Chester in this State, for the use of the Militia, confineing the same

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to persons who refuse to bear Arms or take an active part in the defence of their bleeding Country, now invaded by a cruel Enemy: And that Gen'l Armstrong do name & employ proper & discreet persons to levy & collect the same, first having the Blankets which may be taken from each person appraised, & a certificate of the numbers & value delivered to the Owner, and that a List of the names of persons levied on their townships, number of Blankets & the valuation, be sent in due time to this Board, so that satisfaction may be made to all concerned. And Council recommend to Gen'l Armstrong & his Officers, to keep accounts of the Blankets collected & purchased as aforesaid, distributed to the Militia, in order that they may be transferred to succeeding Corps called into service.

Signed by the Vice President.

On motion, Agreed, That John Morris, jun'r, Esq'r, be & he's hereby appointed & authorized to appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia, there to prosecute in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

James Tilghman, Esq'r, having applied to Council & expressed a desire to visit his family in Maryland; thereupon,

Agreed, That Jas. Tilghman, Esq'r, be permitted, under the Parole lately signed by him, to visit his family in Maryland, to return in one Month, or sooner if called for.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday Septem. 1, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor, & Jonathan Hoge, Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Peter Dehaven, for the Sum of five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of One Thousand & Five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of One Thousand & Five Hundred Pounds, in favor of Jas. Dundas, for which he is to account.

Mr. John Reed represented to the Council that the Banks of Fort Island wanted some repair:

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Ordered, That it be recommended to the Navy Board to view the Banks of Fort Island, & order the necessary repairs to be made therein.

The Gentlemen of the Navy Board having some time ago represented the advantages & necessity of having a Floodgate at Fort Island, made so as to admit the Guard Boats, &ca, in the Winter; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Navy Board do make such a Flood Gate as will answer the aforesaid purpose.

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed and authorized to carry into execution the Resolves of Yesterday, respecting the Arresting such persons as are deemed inimical to the cause of American Liberty, Vizt: Will'm Bradford, Sharp Delany, James Claypoole, Wm. Heysham, John Purviance, Jos. Blewer, Paul Cox, Adam Kimmel, Will'm Graham, Wm. Hardy, Cha's W. Peale, Capt. M. Culloch, Nath. Donnel, Rob't Smith, Wm. Carson, Lazarus Pine, Capt. Birney, John Downey, John Galloway, Wm. Thorpe, John Lisle, James Loughead, James Cannon, Jas. Carr, Tho's Bradford, together with such other persons as they shall call to their assistance.

NOTE.—That the foregoing Resolution (with those before relating to this Business) was signed by the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President.

Resolved, That Colo. Nicola, the Town Mayor, do furnish Colo. Bradford, on application, with a detachment of the City Guards.

The Justices of the County of Chester having recommended Caleb Davis, Wm. Blair, & Rich'd Thomas, in order that one of them may be Commissioned as Clerk of the Peace of the said County; and Council taking in consideration the same,

Resolved, That Caleb Davis, Esq'r, be appointed Clerk of the Peace for the County of Chester.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Septem. 2, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, John Bailey, John Proctor, & Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favour of Rob't Smith, Esq'r, Lieut. of the County of Chester, for the Sum of Three thousand Dollars, for the pur-

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pose of Paying Substitutes & purchasing Blankets, &ca., for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Tho's Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

Ludwig Hautman, a Militia Man from Westmoreland County, who was badly wounded at Woodbridge, in New Jersey, last February, and now on his way home in a very weak State, solicited some assistance to enable him to reach it; on consideration of his peculiar circumstance,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of the said Ludwig Hautman, for the Sum of Six pounds, to be charged to the State.

Colo. Bradford, Paul Cox, & Capt. Blewer, informed the Council that among a number of other persons mentioned in the Warrant of Council of the 31st Ult'o, Alex'd. Stedman, Chas. Stedman, jun'r, & Dav'd Lenox, were apprehended & confined at the Free Masons' lodge; on consideration,

Ordered, That the said Alex'd. Stedman, Chas. Stedman, jun'r, & Dav'd Lenox, be committed to the State Prison.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Septem. 3, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r., Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor, & Jonathan Hoge, Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman of the State Navy Board, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, for which that Board is to account.

John Reed applied to Council for permission to pass into the Delaware State, (near Cantwell's Bridge,) which Council have no objection to, provided that Gen'l Washington has not ordered the Communication with that Country to be cut off.

Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, Councellor for the County of Berks, appear'd, took the Oath required by the Constitution of the Commonwealth to qualify him to sit in Council, & took his seat accordingly.

The Gentlemen appointed & authorized to arrest the persons hereafter named, &ca, made the following report, Viz:

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"Joshua Fisher was so ill that he could not be moved, but gave his verbal Promise as far as required by our instructions; no Papers on Public affairs.

"Abel James, His Son being very ill, & no papers of public nature, we allowed him to remain on his Plantation, on his promising (verbally) to appear on demand of the President, & not in any manner to speak, Write, or give any Intelligence to the Enemies of the United free States of America.

"James Pemberton, Prisoner, no papers found of a Public nature.

"Israel Pemberton.

"Henry Drinker, Prisoner, a number of Papers found of a Public nature, belonging to the Monthly meeting.

"John Pemberton, Prisoner, a number of Papers in a brown Bag.

"John James, not to be found, being in the Country.

"Sam'l Pleasants.

"Tho's Wharton, Sen'r, Prisoner, no papers.

"Tho's Fisher, (Son of Joshua) Prisoner, no papers.

"Samuel Fisher, (Son of Joshua) Prisoner, no papers.

"Myers Fisher, Prisoner, no papers.

"Elijah Brown.

"Hugh Roberts, 70 years or upwards, says that he has never in any manner Spoke, or in any ways shewn himself inimical to the Liberties and independence of America since the commence'nt of the disputes; We have his verbal word, agreeable to our instructions, & we are to wait on him at 2 O'Clock this Afternoon; we found no papers.

"Geo. Roberts, his Wife very big, & otherwise ill, He has passed his word as above, & appears at the same hour with his Father, & we beg the directions of His Excellency & Council.

"Jos. Fox, Prisoners, no papers.

"John Hunt, Prisoner, some papers.

"Sam'l Emlen, jun'r, confined to his Bed; we broke open his Desk, but found no papers of a public nature.

"Adam Kuhn, D. M., produced the Certificate of his having taken the Oath to the United States 2d June, is to be forth coming at 1 O'Clock to-day.

"Phineas Bond on Parole, no Papers.

"Will'm Smith, D. D.

"Rev'd Tho's Combe, Prisoner, no papers.

"Sam'l Shoemaker has given his Promise not to go from his House; that he has never had any thing to do in the meetings of Sufferings, & has disapproved of the proceedings signed by Pemberton

"Chas. Jervis, Prisoner, no papers.

"Will'm Drewit Smith, Prisoner, no papers.

"Pike, Dancing master, on Parole, no papers.

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"Owen Jones, jun'r, Prisoner, no papers.

"Will'm Lenox, jun'r, Prisoner, had a Pocket Book & some papers.

"Edw'd Pennington, Prisoner, some papers.

"Jerem'h Warder, aged & very infirm, having an inflamation, has given his verbal Parole, agreeable to our instruction; we found some Papers.

"Caleb Emlen, not to be found.

"Will'm Smith, (Broker) Prisoner, his Chamber is locked up for the inspection of his Papers, & the Key in the possession of Capt. Smith.

"Chas. Eddy, Prisoner, no papers.

"Sam'l Murdock, on Parole, no papers.

"Alx'd Stedman, Prisoner.

"Cha's Stedman, jun'r, Prisoner.

"Tho's Asheton, (Merchant,) on Parole.

"Wm. Imlay, Prisoner, no papers.

"Thomas Gilpin, Prisoner, no papers.

"Sam'l Jackson, out of Town, no search has been made for Papers as yet.

"Tho's Afflick, Prisoner, no papers.

"N. B. Caleb Emlen, on being arrested, took the Oath required by Law, & was thereupon discharged."

Colo. Bradford, Colo. Will. Major Keer, & Mr. Loughead, reported That they had Arrested Israel Pemberton, John Hunt, & Sam'l Pleasants, but that they all refused to go from the house of the said Pemberton's, where they now are, unless they were arrested by some Civil Officer; thereupon,

Ordered, That Colo. Nicola, Town Mayor, do take a proper Guard & seize Israel Pemberton, John Hunt, & Sam. Pleasants, & conduct them to the Free Mason's Lodge, & there confine them under Guard until further Orders.

And Phineas Bond, Esq'r, having by Letter declared his renunciation of the Parole he has signed; thereupon,

Ordered, That Colo. Nichola do also seize & confine him in like manner, until further orders.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday Septem. 4, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Joseph Hart, &
Jonathan Hoge, Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.
John Proctor,

The Gentlemen of the Navy Board represented the necessity of some person or persons having a more immediate care of the Hospital on the Province Island; on consideration,

Ordered, That the Hospital on Province Island be put under the care & direction of the Navy Board.

Israel Pemberton, John Hunt, & Sam'l Pleasants, attended by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Robeson, (Attorneys,) & also by Sam'l Rhoads, jun'r, sent in by the Secretary a request to be heard by the Council; To which the Council, by the Secretary, answered That the Arrest has been made by order of Congress, & that at present the Council decline hearing them. That the Secretary returned & informed Council that Mr. Pemberton, on behalf of himself, M'rs Hunt & Pleasants, observed, no Arrest had been made by the Town Mayor, & that one of them had not been seen or spoken to by him. That as Freemen they claimed the right of being heard in their defence before the Council. That nothing on their part should be said but what was decent & proper. That theirs is a case in which every Freeman in the State is interested, and that this right of being heard they demanded & insisted on.

To which the Council, by the Secretary, answered, That "Council has ordered this Arrest in consequence of a recommendation of Congress, & they do not at present think proper to hear Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Hunt, & Mr. Pleasants."

A Remonstrance from the aforesaid was presented & read.

An order was Drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Crispin, Esq'r, for the sum of Four thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

Colo. Nicola reports, That he has executed the orders of yesterday, & had conducted Israel Pemberton, John Hunt, Sam'l Pleasants, & Phineas Bond, to the Free Masons' Lodge, & secured them under Guard.

Ordered, That the Prisoners now confined in the Freemasons' Lodge, be sent to Stanton, in Augusta County, in the State of Virginia, agreeable to the Resolve of Congress, there to be secured & treated in such manner as shall be consistant with their respective Characters & the security of their persons.

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Ordered, That Jared Ingersoll, Esq'r, be directed immediately to depart to the State of Connecticut, in conformity to his Parole.

Ordered, That Thirty Waggons be sent from the upper part of Bucks County; Forty from the County of Philadelphia; Thirty from the County of Northampton, & Twenty-five from the County of Lancaster, to rendezvous at Philadelphia, & to be subject to the orders of the Council.

N. B. The Twenty-five from Lancaster *Ordered* to be sent to Camp.

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the respective Counties do furnish proper guards of Militia for Prisoners, whether Tories or others, when application shall be made to them for such purposes.

Resolved, That Tho's Ashleton, now a Prisoner at his own House, on Parole, be indulged with liberty of going at large within the bounds of the City.

Resolved, That the Militia of this State who are now in the Field, or who shall hereafter go into the Field & take with them their Arms or Blankets, & the same be taken by the Enemy or otherwise, be unavoidably lost, on producing a Certificate of such Loss, & the time it shall have happened, signed by a Field Officer, or Commanding Officer of the Battalion to which the losers may at the time belong, shall have the value thereof paid by the State; and for this end the respective Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Battalions now in the Field, are hereby authorized to have all such Arms & Blankets justly appraised; And the Lieutenants or Sub-Lieutenants of the respective Counties, are hereby directed to appoint a suitable number of proper persons in each County, to appraise the Arms & Blankets belonging to the Militia who may hereafter go into the Field.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday Septem'r 5, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,
Jonathan Hoge,
John Proctor,
Joseph Hart, &
Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.

Ordered, That Will'm Lenox, Esq'r, now confined in Goal, be enlarged, on James Craig engaging his Word & honor to see him forthcoming, when called for by Council, & be answerable for the good behaviour, in the mean time, of the said Wm. Lenox.

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The Secretary reports that James Craig had pledged his Honor for the good behaviour of the said Will'm Lenox, & that he shall be forthcoming when called upon; and also that he will in form enter into Bonds for his good behaviour.

The President laid before the Council a Remonstrance delivered to him last Evening, by John Reynell, James Craig, & Owen Jones, signed by the Gentlemen confined in the Masons' Lodge, which was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said remonstrance be laid before Congress, & that application be made to Congress to know whether they had any objections to such of the aforesaid Gentlemen as should now take an Oath or Affirmation of allegiance to this State being enlarged; to which Congress return the following Resolve, Viz't.:

"In Congress, September 5, 1777.

"*Resolved*, That the Supreme Executive Council be informed that Congress have no objection to the enlargement of such Persons now confined in the Lodge, as will swear or affirm allegiance to this State."

"Extract from the Minutes.

"CHA'S THOMPSON, Sec'y."

Thereupon,

Resolved, That such of the Persons now confined in the Lodge as shall take & Subscribe the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by Law in this Commonwealth, or that shall take & Subscribe the following Oath or Affirmation, to wit: "I do Swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful & bear true allegiance to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as a free & independent State," shall be thereupon discharged.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds, for Six Months' Service as Vice President: *Ordered*, That the Secretary write to Colo. Bradford & request him to communicate the last mentioned Resolve to the Gentlemen confined in the Lodge.

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ɜ Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday Septem'r 6, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Joseph Hart, &
Jonathan Hoge, & Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.
John Proctor,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Ja's Worrell, Evan Evans, & Rob't Allison, for the Sum of One hundred & forty-eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six Pence, for taking down the Spouts, &ca, to be charged to account of Congress.

Congress by their Resolve of the fourth inst, having recommended this Council to give orders that all the Militia of this State hold themselves in readiness to march at a Moment's warning, & that they see that their Arms be put in as good condition as possible, & that the Council call out five thousand Militia from the City & County of Philadelphia, & the Counties most adjacent, &ca.

On consideration,

Ordered, That one Class of the Militia, in addition to those already in Service, be ordered into Service from the City of Philadelphia, & the Counties of Philadelphia, Chester, York, Cumberland, & Northumberland.

Ordered, That on the present emergency, when the Enemies' Army endeavouring to penetrate to this City, may be aided by a Fleet in the Delaware, the actual Command of the Naval force be committed to John Hazlewood, Esq'r, as Commodore in this Department, on account of the Age & infirmities of Tho's Seymour, Esq'r, his superior Officer, as it is manifest to Council that Commodore Seymour, in the present State of his Health, cannot be capable of of that vigour & activity which are essential to the service at this time of danger, in which the most strenuous efforts of the stoutest will be necessary.

A resolve of Congress of this date, recommending to this Council to hear what Israel Pemberton, & divers others therein named, can alledge to remove the suspicion of their being disaffected or dangerous to the United States, being read & considered,

Resolved, That the President do write to Congress & let them know that the Council has not time to attend to that business, in the present alarming crisis, & that they were, agreeably to the recommendation of Congress, at the moment the said Resolve was brought into Council, disposing of every thing for the departure of the Prisoners.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Sunday Septem. 7, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Joseph Hart, & Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.
Jona'n Hoge,
John Proctor,

And completed the Business relating to the calling of the Militia ordered out yesterday.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Monday Septem. 8, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Joseph Hart, & Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,
John Proctor,

The Council being informed that there is great uncertainty of a supply of Wood for the Salt Works now erecting in New Jersey; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Hon'ble John Coxe, Esq'r, be requested and authorized to purchase a Tract of Wood Land, in the neighbourhood of the Salt Works in New Jersey, belonging to this State, on the best terms it can be obtained, for the use of the said works.

Jonathan Mifflin, Esq r, D. Q. M. G., having applied to Council by Letter for a number of Waggons, & there appearing to be a necessity of a considerable number for various purposes; thereupon,

Resolved, That one hundred Waggons be ordered to be sent in from Berks County, & one hundred Waggons from the County of Lancaster.

A Remonstrance from the people confined in the Mason's lodge, was presented by the Secretary, & read; thereupon, the Secretary was ordered to acquaint Doct. Hutchinson, one of the Gentlemen who delivered the said Remonstrance to him, that Council had referred their case to Congress.

Resolved, That John Morris, jun'r, Esq'r, be appointed and authorized to appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions of the

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Peace, for the County of Bucks, there to Prosecute in behalf of this Commonwealth.

Congress, by their resolve of this day, having recommended to Council to discharge Will'm Imlay, now a Prisoner, on his Parole, that he will forthwith repair to Kingston, in the State of New York, & take the Oath of Allegiance to the said State, of which he is a citizen; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Council do agree to the discharge of the said William Imlay accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Septem. 9, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Proctor, Jonathan Hoge, Joseph Hart, & Jacob Morgan. } Esq'rs.

The Secretary reports, that he waited on Will'm Imlay, and gave to him the Resolve of yesterday, but that he had not Signed the Parole offered him by the recommendation of Congress.

Colo. Will'm Bradford now attended the Council & reported, That he had on Friday Evening last, waited on the Prisoners now confined at the Masons' Lodge, & shewn to them the Certified Copy of the Resolve of Council relating to them of the 5th inst, and had given them a Copy thereof, but that the Prisoners had given him no reason to expect a compliance with the terms proposed them.

The following Resolve of Congress was read, to Wit:

"In Congress, Septem. 8, 1777.

"*Resolved*, That it would be improper for Congress to enter into any hearing of the Remonstrants or other Prisoners in the Masons' lodge, they being inhabitants of Pennsylvania, and therefore, as the Council decline giving them a hearing, for the reasons assigned in their Letters to Congress, that it be recommended to said Council, to order the immediate departure of such of the said Prisoners as yet refuse to swear or affirm allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania, to Stanton in Virginia.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"CHARLES THOMPSON, Sec'y."

On consideration,

Resolved, That James Pemberton, Henry Drinker, Israel Pemberton, John Pemberton, Sam'l Pleasants, Tho's Wharton, Sen.,

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Tho's Fisher, (Son of Joshua,) Sam'l Fisher, (Son of Joshua,) Myers Fisher, 10 Elijah Brown, 11 John Hunt, 12 Phineas Bond, 13 Rev'd Tho's Coombe, 14 Cha's Jarvis, 15 Will'm Drewitt Smith, 16 Cha's Eddy, 17 Tho's Pike, 18 Owen Jones, jun'r, 19 Edw'd Pennington, 20 Will'm Smith, Broker, 21 Tho's Gilpin, 22 Tho's Afflick, apprehended by Council as persons who have uniformly manifested by their general conduct & conversation a Disposition highly inimical to the cause of America, imprisoned in the Free Masons' lodge in this City, they refusing to confine themselves to their several dwellings, & thereby making the restraint of their persons in another manner necessary, & having refused to promise to refrain from corresponding with the Enemy, & also declined giving any Assurance of Allegiance to this State, as of right they ought, do thereby renounce all the priviledges of Citizenship, & that it appears they consider themselves as subjects of the King of Great Britain, the Enemy of this, & the other United States of America, & that they ought to be proceeded with accordingly.

Resolved, That persons of like Character, & in emergencies equal to the present, when the Enemy is at our Door, have in the other States been Arrested & Secured upon suspicions arising from their general behaviour & refusal to acknowledge their Allegiance to the State of which they were the proper Subjects; and that such proceedings may be abundantly justified by the conduct of the freest Nations & the authority of most judicious Civilians; therefore,

Resolved, That the persons whose names are mentioned above, be without further delay removed to Stanton, in Virginia, there to be treated according to their Characters & Stations, as far as may be consistent with the securing of their persons.

Also Resolved, That Will'm Imlay, said to be a Subject of the State of New York, having behaved in like manner as the persons above mentioned, & in particular declined to give Assurance of Allegiance to the State of New York, be removed and secured with the rest.

Ordered, That Colo. Nicola, Town Mayor, secure the Prisoners above named in the Masons' lodge, & assist in removing them out of the City.

The representation of the Corporation of the rector, Church Wardens & Vestrymen of the United Episcopal Churches of Christ Church & St. Peter's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, in the Province of Pennsylvania, was read.

Will'm Imlay now solicited by the Secretary, that he may be permitted to sign a Parole agreeable to the Resolve of Congress, & that he be enlarged thereupon; and the Secretary reports that he has signed the Parole accordingly.

Sam'l Murdoch having petitioned to be enlarged from his present confinement, & be allowed the bounds of the City in order to take care of his private affairs; thereupon,

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Ordered, That Sam'l Murdoch be enlarged from his present confinement in his House, & allowed the bounds of the City, in order that he may take care of his private Affairs.

Several Accounts of Provisions furnished by George Henry & James Wilkins to the Westmoreland Militia, being laid before Council,

Ordered, That the same be examined by Mr. Howell, & paid if found right, a 2s 6 ₰ Ration.

Resolved, That William Scott be appointed paymaster of the Militia of the County of Bucks.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Septem. 10, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Joseph Hart, & Jonathan Hoge, Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs. John Proctor,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Jac. S. Howell, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Rob't Towers, Esq'r, Commissary of Stores, in favor of Colo. Lochry, Lieutenant of the County of Westmoreland, for Three hundred weight of Gunpowder & Eight hundred weight of Lead.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Archibald Lochry, Lieutenant of the County of Westmoreland, for the Sum of One thousand and five hundred Pounds, for the purpose of purchasing riffled barrel Guns, for the use of the Militia of the said County, and for hiring substitutes, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of James Carter, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to Pay Workmen for repairing Arms, &c., & for which he is to account.

Resolved, That Will'm Fullerton, Warwick Coats, Ratcliffe Albertson, in the South part of the City & Suburbs, & that Jacob Miller, Sam Brewster & Israel Castle, in the North part of the City & suburbs, be appointed to collect & detain all the boats, flats, Canoes & Batteaus & other embarkations whatever, in the Delaware near this City, provided that no hindrance be given to the removal of families by Water in Shallops or other Craft, that leave Town & proceed to a distance, or to Ferries.

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That the Continental Board of War be reminded of the great number of Prisoners of War now in the New Goal.

Resolved, That Major Casdrop be directed to attend with a Sergeant's Guard, at the Bridge over Schuylkill, in order to remove it when ordered by this Board or the Commanding officer, and that he remove the Boats from the West Side of Schuylkill.

Resolved, That no person be suffered to go over the West side of Schuylkill, unless they produce a pass signed by Benj'n Paschall, Esq'r, or W'm Heysham, or unless they produe a Certificate of their having taken and Subscribed an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to this, or the United States of America, but persons bringing provisions to Market are to be permitted to pass & re-pass without interruption.

Resolved, That the Gentlemen of the Light Horse of this City, except two who are to attend the prisoners now at the Lodge to Reading, on their March to Staunton, in Augusta County, in the State of Virginia, do proceed immediately to Camp on a Tour of duty, & that the said two Gentlemen join the Corps after they have discharged the said duty, as soon as possible.

Intelligence having been received of the Enemies' motion towards the City, the following Proclamation having been read & proposed to be published, Vist.:

"PHILAD'A, Septem. 10, 1777.

"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

"A PROCLAMATION:

"The time is at length come in which the fate of ourselves, our Wives, Children, & Posterity must be speedily determined; Gen'l Howe, at the head of a British Army, the only hope, the last resource of our Enemies' has invaded this State, dismissing his ships & disencumbering himself of his heavy Artillery & baggage, he appears to have risked all upon the event of a movement which must either deliver up to plunder & devastation, this Capital of Pennsylvania & of America, or forever blast the cruel designs of our implacable foes. Blessed be God, Providence seems to have left it to ourselves to determine, whether we shall triumph in victory & rest in freedom and peace, or by tamely submitting, or weakly resisting, deliver ourselves up a prey to an enemy, than whom none more cruel & perfidious was ever suffered to vex & destroy any people. View then on the other hand, the freedom & independence, the glory & the happiness of our rising States, which are set before us as the reward of our courage. Seriously consider on the other hand, the wanton ravages, the Rapes, the Butcheries, which have been perpetrated by these men in the State of New Jersey, & on the fron-

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tiers of New York; above all consider the mournful prospect of seeing Americans like the wretched inhabitants of India, stripped of their freedom, robbed of their property, degraded beneath the brutes, & left to starve amid plenty, at the will of their lordly Masters, and let us determine once for all, that we will *Die or be Free.*

"The foe are manifestly aiming either by force to conquer, or by Stratagem & Stolen marches to elude the vigilence of our brave Commander; Declining a battle with our Countrymen, they have attempted to steal upon us by surprise. They have been hitherto defeated, but numbers are absolutely necessary to watch them on every Quarter at once.

"The neighbouring States are hurrying forward their Militia, & we hope by rising as one Man, & besetting the foe at a distance from his Fleet, we shall speedily inclose him like a Lion in the toils.

The Council therefore most humbly beseech and intreat all Persons whatsoever, to exert themselves without delay, to seize this present opportunity of crushing the foe, now in the bowels of our Country, by marching forth instantly under their respctive officers, to the assistance of our great General, that he may be enabled to environ & demolish the only British army that remains formidable in America, or in the World. Animated with the hope that Heaven, as before it has done in all times of difficulty & danger, will again crown our righteous efforts with success, we look forward to the prospect of seeing our insulting foe cut off from all means of escape, & by the goodness of the Almighty, the Lord of Hosts & God of Battles, wholly delivered into our hands.

"Attest, THO'S WHARTON, jun'r Presid't.

"TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE."

Resolved, That the foregoing Proclamation be published.

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the City be ordered to Call out all the well affcoted Militia of this State, to meet on the Commons, near the centre House, to-morrow Morning at 10 O'Clock, with their Arms, Accoutrements, Muskets & intrenching tools, of all kinds.

Colo. Nichola, Town Major, representing that he could not procure the horses necessary for the Guards ordered to escort the prisoners from the Masons' lodge towards Reading,

A Warrant to impress Six Horses with Saddles was issued, directed to him.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Mr. Alexa. Nesbitt & Sam'l Caldwell, Gentlemen of the Light Horse, ordered to escort the Prisoners on their way to Augusta, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to pay their Expenses, as far as the present escort may go, & for which they are to account.

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Resolved, That the fifth & Sixth Classes of the Militia of this City, & the Townships & district annexed, be immediately ordered out.

The Rev'd Tho's Coombe having by the Rev'd Mr. White and Colo. Cadwallader, requested to be permitted to go to Virginia under Parole, & from thence to the Island of St. Eustatia, on consideration,

Resolved, That he be enlarged on Parole accordingly.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of the Hon'ble Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Berks, for which he is to account.

Mr. Morgan represented to Council that divers of the People of the County of Berks were desirous of having Tho's Parry appointed one of the Justices of the Peace of the said county; thereupon,

Resolved, That Thomas Parry be appointed one of the Justices of the Peace of the County of Berks.

Phineas Bond, Esq'r, by Doctor Tho's Bond, & requested to be permitted to go to Virginia under Parole & from thence to the West Indies; on consideration,

Resolved, That he be enlarged on Parole Accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday Septem. 11, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Joseph Hart, &
Jonathan Hoge, Jacob Morgan. } Esq'rs.
John Proctor,

An order was given to Mr. Savage on Mr. Crispin for four Barrells of Salt Provisions.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Bartram Galbraith, Esq'r, Lieutenant of Lancaster county, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster for the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Towers, in favour of Bartram Galbraith, Esq'r, for One thousand Musquet Cartridges, One hundred Pounds of Powder & Two hundred & fifty pounds of Lead.

The two Armies being now engaged, & the event doubtful,

Ordered, That all Shops & Stores be immediately Shut up, except those only where workmen are employed in making or repairing the Public Arms, & that every Man capable of bearing arms, or repairing Arms repair to his Captains' Quarters at Two O'Clock this Afternoon.

The Commissioned Officers are hereby Commanded to exert themselves in the execution of this Order, & order that the Drums beat to Arms immediately.

Ordered, That Colo. Heister, Colo. Corsey, Colo. Antis, & Colo. Dean's respective Battalions, do immediately rendezvous at the Sweed's Ford, & that Colo. Moore, Colo. McVeaugh, rendezvous at the Falls of Schuylkill, & Colo. Warner's at Derby.

Ordered, That the issuing Commissary supply Provisions to the Militia at the Sweed's Ford, Schuylkill Falls, & Derby.

As the Enemy is near at hand & this minute engaging our Army under the Command of his Excell'y Gen'l Washington,

Ordered, That every able bodied man in the County of Bucks, turn out with his Arms, accoutrements & blankets, & that those who cannot furnish themselves with Arms to take with them Axes, spades, & every other kind of entrenching Tools, & that Colonel Roberts, Erwin, & Killer, rendezvous at the Sweed's Ford, and that Colo's Toomb & McElwaine rendezvous at this City.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favour of Colo. Melchior, for the Sum of Five hundred & thirty-eight Pounds, Two Shillings & Seven Pence, ballance of his Account, to the Twentieth of August, as settled by Caleb David, Will'm Thorne & Philip Marstiller, a committee of Congress.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favour of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Petition of Thomas Robison, praying to be appointed Prothonatary of the County of Northumberland, and also the Petition of Cap't David Harris, praying to be appointed Prothonatary of the said County, were Read. On consideration,

Resolved, That Cap't Dav'd Harris be appointed Prothonatary of the County of Northumberland, & was Commissioned accordingly.

A Warrant was granted to Joseph Watkins to impress Twenty Horses for the Artillery.

On consideration of the returns of Justices Elected for the County of Bedford, and a recommendation by upwards of twenty Freeholders of Robert Galbraith, for the said Office,

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Resolved, That James Martin, 2d Will'm Parker, 3d Joshua Milott, 4th Martin Longstreath, 5th Tho's Paxton, 6th Robert Scott, 7th Robert Galbraith, be appointed Justices of the Peace for the said County of Bedford.

Ordered, That a Dedimus Potestatum be made out Authorising & empowering Robert Galbraith, Esq'r, James Martin, & Thomas Urie, Esq'rs, to Administer the Oaths required by the Constitution & laws of this Commonwealth, to Qualify the aforesaid Magistrates & the other Civil Officers appointed or to be appointed in the said County of Bedford.

Ordered, That the Officers commanding the Militia of the County of Bucks, now at the Barracks, do immediately send a guard of Four Men to Robin Hood Ford, over the Schuylkill, four Men to the upper Ferry, Four Men to the Bridge, & four Men to Gray's Ferry, to take care of the Artillery placed at those places.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Friday Septem. 12, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Joseph Hart, &
Jonathan Hoge, Jacob Morgan. } Esq'rs.
John Proctor,

A Warrant to Peter Dehaven to impress Waggons to carry of Gunpowder & Stores from French Creek, & to raise a guard in conjunction with the Justice's Warrant issued to Rob't Towers, Commissary of Stores, to press Waggons in Radnor to remove Lead.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Henry, Esq'r, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That the Justices of the County of Chester immediately send in as many Waggons as can be procured, and that Colo. Will'm Evans be employed in the County of Chester, & that a Press Warrant be given him accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bucks County Militia be employed as a guard to conduct the British Prisoners to Reading, & such others as may be necessary to be added.

Ordered, That the Third & fourth Class of the Militia of Berks County, the third & fourth Class of Northampton County, the third Class of York County, the fourth Class of Chester, & the Second Class of Northumberland Counties, be Called into immediate service.

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The Board of War in very pressing terms, request that the Bakers of the Militia may be employed in bakeing for the Army; thereupon,

Ordered, That Colo. Henry do permit & encourage the Bakers in the Militia to enter the Service under Mr. Ludwick.

Ordered, That two more Companies of Artillery be called into service immediately.

Col. Charles Stewart represented that the Army is in want of Bread; thereupon,

Ordeerd, That Colo. Cha's Stewart be authorized & empowered to seize all the hard Bread which can be found in the City, Paying for the same at the usual price.

Council appoints Tho's Urie & James Martin, Esq'rs, to be Sub-Lieutenants of Bedford County, in the room & stead of Rich'd Brown & Abraham Cable, who have declined to take upon them the Office.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A., Saturday Septem. 13, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jonathan Hoge, John Proctor, Joseph Hart, & Jacob Morgan. } Esq'rs.

Rob't Galbraith, Esq'r, appeared before Council and took the Oaths required by Law to qualify him to act as one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford, & as one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas; and also the Oath required to qualify him to act according to the Powers mentioned & named in a Dedimus Potestatum dated this day.

Ja's Martin, Esq'r, also appeared & took the Oath required to qualify him to act according to the powers mentioned in & granted to him & others, by a Dedimus Potestatum dated this day.

A pass to Ja's Hamilton, Esq'r, to Northampton, & a protection for a Waggon with Baggage; and also a Protection for his Goods, Houses, Lands, & Effects, were granted.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman of the State Navy Board, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, for which said Navy Board is to account.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to collect Boats, do immediately furnish Mr. Butler with the number of Boats necessary to bring up the wounded.

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An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Dallap, for the Sum of Three Pounds, for a Ream of Writing Paper.

A Certificate signed by Jos. Gardner, Esq'r, was laid before the Council, certifying that Tho's McKean, Esq'r, had taken & subscribed the several Oaths & declaration required by the Laws & Constitution of this State to Qualify him to act as Chief Justice of this Commonwealth.

Ordered, That Colo. Proctor be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Westmoreland.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Proctor, for the Sum of One Hundred & forty eight Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence, Vizt:

For 109 days attendance in Council @ 25s,	£136 5 0
For 290 Miles @ 10d,	12 1 8
	£148 6 8

Ordered, That the fourth & fifth Classes of the Militia of the Counties of Philadelphia & Bucks be called into immediate service.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jonathan Hoge, Esq'r, for the Sum of One hundred & fifty-eight Pounds Seven Shillings & Six Pence, for his attendance in Council, Viz:

For 123 days attendance in Council @ 25s,	£153 15 0
Milcage on 111 Miles @ 10d,	4 12 6
	£158 7 6

Ordered, That the fourth & fifth Classes of the Militia of Bucks County, & the fourth & fifth Classes of the Militia of Philadelphia County, & the fifth & Sixth Classes of the City, be immediately Called into service.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Sunday Septem. 14, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jacob Morgan, Joseph Hart, & } Esq'rs.

A Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, dated Yesterday, desireing & empowering this Council to take the most

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speedy & effectual means to remove the Public Moneys belong'g to the General Loan Office, to such place as the Council may think necessary & secure, being read, thereupon

Ordered, That Mr. Lowden & Mr. Hoge be appointed to have the Money & Papers belouging to the Public Loan Office removed to Easton, in the County of Northampton, and John Snyder, Hen'y Bartholomew, was employed with a Waggon to convey it to the said place.

Ordered, That Colo. Nicola furnish a guard of Two Men to go with the said Waggoners. These Papers, &ca. are contained in a case, a Barrel, & an Iron Chest.

Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Reed, by order of Gen'l Washington, request that the Bridge may be immediately removed; thereupon

Ordered, That Major Casdorp do immediately & effectually remove the Bridge at the Middle Ferry on Schuylkill, & bring it away into Delaware, & bring over all the Boats of every kind from the West of Delaware; Two boats are to be removed from the upper Ferry into the cove below Mr. Morris's, & placed under a guard, the other Boats to be placed so as to be entirely out of the reach of the enemy; but the Orders of the general officers are to be obeyed on these heads, whether they are to be exactly ordered as above, or a new arrangement made.

Ordered, That Matt'w Irwin be appointed Quarter Master of the Militia of this State, & that he Rank as Lieutenant Colonel.

The Treasury nearly exhausted,

Ordered, That application be made to Congress for the Sum of Two hundred Thousand Dollars, to Pay the Militia & other necessary expences.

An order of Congress on John Gibson, Esq'r, Auditor General, for the Sum of Two hundred Thousand Dollars, to be paid to the Supreme Executive Council, "advanced for the Public use, the said Council to be accountable."

Ordered, That the Sum of Two hundred Thousand Dollars be paid into the hands of Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State.

Dav'd Harris, Esq'r, appeared & took the Oath required by the Constitution, & the Oath required to Qualify him to enter upon the duty of Prothonotary of the County of Northumberland, & also the Oath required to Qualify him to enter upon the duty of a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Tho's Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia for the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Robert Towers, for the Sum of Sixty-One

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Pounds & Seven Shillings, to be charged to account of Jacob S. Howell.

NOTE—After Three Waggons are provided for the Council, two are to be furnished to Mr. Cannon & Mr. Lisle.

Ordered, That all the Boats that are now in Schuylkill be immediately hauled upon the land.

Ordered, That Colo. Flower employ Jas Worrell, Francis Allison & Mr. Evans, Carpenters, or such other workmen as he may think proper to employ, to take down the Bells of all the public Buildings in this City, & convey them to a place of safety.

Ordered, That Mr. Lowden & Mr. Hoge be appointed to have the Money & Papers belonging to the Public Loan Office removed to Easton, in the County of Northampton, and John Snyder & Henry Bartholomew was employed with a Waggon to convey it to the said place.

Ordered, That Colo. Nicola furnish a Guard of Two Men to go with the said Waggoners. These papers, &ca. are contained in a Case, a Barrel & an Iron Chest.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday Septem. 15, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jacob Morgan, Joseph Hart, & } Esq'rs.

John Haley, Esq'r, lately appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court, represented to Council that he had applied to Jas Humphreys, Esq'r, for the Records & papers belonging to the said Court,

Resolved & Ordered, That John Haley, Esq'r, who has been appointed Clerk of the Orphan's Court of the City & County of Philadelphia, do demand of Jas Humphreys, Esq'r, late Clerk of the late Orphans' Court of the City and County of Philadelphia, the immediate delivery of all the Records, Papers & Seals to the said late Office of Clerk to the Orphans' Court, belonging, or which have been used in the said Office, and that the said John Haley be empowered to remove the said Records & Papers to a place of safety, & in case Mr. Humphreys make any difficulty in the Premises, Mr. Haley is to report the same to Council without delay, that further order may be had in the Premises.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, in favor of Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, for which Mr. Rittenhouse is to be accountable.

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The following orders were drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r. Treasurer of the State, in favor of Fred'k Snyder, for the Sum of Thirty Pounds Sixteen Shillings & three Pence, for Forty days attendance as doorkeeper, & for Wafers, Nails, & a Map.

In favor of Edw'd Stroud for the Sum of Ten Pounds Four Shillings, for riding Express.

In favor of Mich'l Bowyer for the Sum of Twenty-four Pounds Twelve Shillings, for Riding Express.

Mr. Lowdan & Mr. Hoge, appointed to remove the Public Monies & Papers of the Loan Office of this State to some place of security, Report, That they had applied to Sam'l Preston Moore, Esq'r, one of the Trustees of the said Loan Office, for the said Monies & Books & Papers thereto belonging, and that they had received of the said Mr Moore a large Iron Chest containing Forty-two bundles of Paper money, said to be the balance of Principal & Interest remaining in the hands of the Trustees of the General Loan Office of Pennsylvania, as settled by a Committee of Assembly in August last, Amounting to Thirteen Thousand One Hundred & Thirty-Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Two Pence, & the Mortgages taken by the said Trustees for Money lent out, together with another bundle of Paper Money said to contain the Ballance of sundry Mortgages due to the old Loan office & Committed to the care of the said Mr. Moore, amounting to the Sum of Seven hundred & Seventy-four Pounds & nine Shillings, & that the said Mr. Moore also delivered to them the Keys of said Chest, but the said Monies had not been counted for want of time.

Mr. Moore acquainted them that the Deeds of the borrowers lodged in the said Office, were in the posession of Humphrey Marshall of Chester County; another of the Trustees of said Office, & the Books of said Office, had already been delivered to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Chest with its said contents, be immediately sent to East town & committed to the care of Rob't Levers, Esq'r, of said place.

Some information by affidavit & verbally, being given to Council by George Stevenson, Esq'r, of Carlisle, of divers treasonable & dangerous intentions and designs of levying men & destroying the Public Stores at York, Lancaster & Carlisle & elsewhere, in which Will'm Willis, of Newberry, & James Rankin of Manchester, in York County, John Ferree of Lancaster County, Yoemen, & divers other persons, are said to be actually concerned; and it appearing that Daniel Shelly, of Shelly Island, in Lancaster County, Yeoman, hath been actively concerned in the Treasonable designs aforesaid, & that he is now in Custody on a charge on Oath, as one of the persons actively concerned in the Treasonable designs aforesaid, & that he is willing & offers to discover & give evidence in the Premises against the accomplices & all others concerned in the said Conspiracy & every of them, as he knoweth, so as to convict

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his said accomplices; The Council thereupon after due consideration had, do Promise to the said Dan'l Shelly, that if he shall fairly reveal & make known the designs of said persons, & conduct himself in the Premises as a witness ought to do, he will thereby merit his Pardon, for any thing he may have acted or done of a treasonable nature, & may be assured of receiving it.

The Petition of Jerman Davis, John Bailey, Isaac Johnson, James Chalfont, Tho's Agnew, Benja. Trego, Jos. Trego, Jas. Chalfont, jun'r, & John Simkins, setting forth that they had been committed to Prison by Capt. Bailey without any just cause, declaring their innocence of any charge which may be alledged against them as disaffected persons, & praying a hearing,

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the said Prisoners be enlarged on their signing a Promise or Parole that they will do nothing injurious to the American cause, and appear to answer any charge which may be made against them.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Septem. 16, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President

Hon. GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart, &

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman of the Navy Board, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for which the said Board is to Account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favour of Will'm Crispin, Esq'r, for the sum of Four Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That Maj. Will'm Scott be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of the County of York, in the room of Michael Hahn, Esq'r, who is a member of the House of Assembly, whose attendance is at this time highly necessary.

Mr. Alexa. Nesbitt, one of the Gentlemen of the Light Horse appointed to escort the Prisoners to Winchester, in Virginia, reports that Isr'l Pemberton, & divers others of them, had obtained writs of *hebeas Corpus*, ordering Lewis Nicola to bring the bodies of said Isr'l Pemberton & others before him on the 17th inst, at the place in the writ expressed; and the Hon'ble House of Gene-

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ral Assembly having this day passed an Act entitled "An Act, &ca.,"

Ordered, That a Writ be issued authorizing and empowering Sam'l Caldwell & Alexa. Nesbitt to receive the bodies of Isr'l Pemberton, John Hunt, James Pemberton, John Pemberton, Tho's Wharton, Edw'd Pennington, Henry Drinker, Tho's Fisher, (son of Joshua) Sam'l Fisher, (son of Joshua) Myers Fisher, Sam'l Pleasants, Owen Jones, jun'r, Tho's Gilpin, Cha's Jervis, Tho's Affick, Will'm Drewit Smith, Tho's Pike, Will'm Smith, Elijah Brown, & Charles Eddy, who have been, in consequence of the recommendation of Congress, Arrested & sent forward towards Winchester in Virginia, and them to deliver to Jacob Morgan or John Old, to be forwarded to the place of their destination.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of James Dundas, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to Jac'b S. Howell, and applied to the paying Workmen, &ca, for which he is to account. This order was omitted on the 15th, being dated yesterday.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r. Treasurer of the State, in favour of his Excell'y the President, for the Sum of Seven Hundred & Fifty Pounds, being one half Year's Salary due to him.

Ordered, That the Lieutenants or Sub-Lieutenants of County of Berks & Cumberland, do provide Guards from the Militia that are called into service, or may hereafter be called, to guard Ammunition, Stores or Prisoners, when necessary, unless a sufficient number can be hired on reasonable terms, to perform that duty.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Septem. 17, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart, &

Ordered, That the fifth Class of the Militia of the County of Chester be immediately sent into the field.

Ordered, That the Books in the Library belonging to the State be sent immediately to Easton in Northampton County, & committed to the care of Robert Levers, Esq'r, of the said county, to whose care a case & a Barrel, containing the Books & Papers of the late Council of Safety & the Board of War, have already been sent with the Loan Office Money & Papers.

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(N. B. Fourteen Boxes & Two Trunks sent by Philip Mosser & Jacob Kuhn, accordingly.)

Major Casdrop being called into service in the Militia,

Ordered, That Rich'd Dennis be appointed in his stead, to take charge of the Boats and Ferry in Schuylkill, & to take care of the bridge now in the River Delaware.

Ordered, That Capt. Joseph Stiles take charge of Wort & Brooks' two shallops with Ammunition on board, & remove them to a place of safety.

Bristol may at present a place of safety.

The two following orders were drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, & ordered to be charged to Jacob S. Howell, Vizt:

In favor of Rob't Towers for the Sum of Fifty Pounds, for which he is to account.

In favor of Captain Joseph Stiles for the Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds.

Mr. Pearson & others of the Committee appointed to drive off the Cattle, complain that persons in whose Pastures they are necessarily put from time to time, threaten to turn them out.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the respective Committees appointed to drive off the Cattle on the approach of the Enemy, do make use of such Meadows or Pastures as they may find necessary, & give to the Owners or Occupiers of such Meadows or Pastures a Certificate of the Number of the Cattle pastured, & the time they were continued, this Certificate to be directed to Jacob S. Howell, who will pay the same price as is allowed by the Continental Army in like cases.

The following Recommendation of the Hon'ble House of Assembly being read, vizt:

"In General Assembly, Septem. 16, 1777.

"On motion,

"*Ordered*, That Benja. Vancampen, Esq'r, be recommended to His Excell'y the President & Council, to be Commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant for the County of Northampton.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"JOHN MORRIS, Cl'k of General Assembly."

Thereupon,

Ordered, That Benja. Van Campen be Commissioned accordingly.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Abram Mason, (sail maker,) for the Sum of One hundred & forty eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Nine Pence, for work done for the State Laboratory.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday Septem. 18, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart, &

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Joseph Hart, for the Sum of Fifty-nine Pounds fourteen Shillings and Six pence, for Arms put into the hands of the Militia of Bucks County last year, & charge the same to Jacob S. Howell.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favour of George Spangler, for the Sum of Six Pounds & ten Shillings, for his Services riding Express on Public Business.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday Septem. 20, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,
Joseph Hart, & } Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman of the State Navy Board, for the Sum of Eight Thousand Dollars, for which said Board is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of James Carter, Esq'r, for the Sum of Four Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Will'm Henry, Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Four Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday Septem. 22d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,
Joseph Hart, &
Jacob Morgan. } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Tho's Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia for the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Tho's Hewitt, Esq'r, to be delivered by him to Colo. Sam'l Hunter, Lieutenant of the County of Northumberland, for the Sum of Two thousand Dollars, & to be charged to the said Colo. Hunter, for which he is to account.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Septem. 23, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,
Joseph Hart,
Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman of the State Navy Board, for the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Crispin, Esq'r, for the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of William Henry, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, for the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Tho's Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

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NOTE.—That the President wrote to Colo. Benj'a Flower, to supply Lieut. Grant with three hundred Riffles, five hundred Pounds of Powder, & One thousand Two hundred pounds of Lead, for which the said Grant is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Octo. 1, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, & } Esq'rs.
John Bailey, John Lowdan, }

The Petition of Capt. Jos. Brady's Company of Militia, of the County of Cumberland, addressed to the Hon'ble House of Assembly, setting forth in effect, that they had drawn Lots in Quotas, consisting of a Class, for the number of the Class in which the Quotas respectively shall stand ranked & be called into service; that some objections had afterwards arisen to the mode, & praying advice therein, being read & considered, & it appearing that this mode of casting Lots is according to the Law for regulating the Militia of this State, however it may differ from the practice of other Companies; thereupon,

Ordered, That the first & second Class of the said Company, do immediately March & join General Washington without further delay, and that the third Class March to Carlisle to guard the Stores there, according to the direction of the Lieut. of the said County.

Ordered, That the fourth & fifth Class of the Militia be called into service immediately.

Ordered, That Colo. Galbraith, Lieutenant of the County of Lancaster, do immediately send the hundred of the Militia of the County to the Borough of Lancaster, and that he do furnish a guard for Prisoners, whenever the same may be necessarily required of him.

NOTE.—The following orders were drawn Septem. 18th ult'o, & from the situation of our Public affairs, may probably have been omitted to be entered in the Minutes of that day.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Adam Poht, for the Sum of Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six Pence, for the hire of his Horse, and in favor of Leonard Lasher, for the Sum of Ten Pounds Two Shillings & Six Pence, for the hire of his Horse.

An order was drawn on Rob't Towers, in favor of Capt. Watkins, for Sixty Pounds of Sulphur & ninety thousand Musquet Cartridges, to be charged to Congress.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday October 3, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge. } Esq'rs.
John Bailey, &

Mr. Peter Dehaven attended & asked the direction of Council as to the place the Gun Factory should be now established; On consideration,

Resolved, That the Gun-Factory be established at Hummel's Town, in Derry Township, in this County, for the present; if on reviewing it he finds it practicable otherwise, to enquire after a more convenient place, & exercise his best discretion therein.

Mr. Parker & Mr. Whitehill, the Members' Committee of the Hon'ble house of Assembly, now in the City, attended the Council & represented that the Hon'ble House are desirous of having expresses established to pass & repass from Council to the Army, the expence of which the Hon'ble House are ready to defray.

The Council, sensible of the necessity of this measure, thereupon,

Resolved, To establish the Expresses to pass & repass from Council to Camp once in two days.

Resolved, That the Doorkeeper be immediately sent forward to Easton, to bring to the Borough the Papers belonging to Council.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Peter Dehaven, for One hundred & Thirty-two Pounds, for One hundred & Thirty-two days attendance at the Gun Factory as director, ending the first instant; and An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Peter Dehaven, for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday October 4, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, John Lowdan. } Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan, &

Council having receiv'd intelligence that Brooks & McKinley, two Prisoners on their way to Virginia, had made their escape from the Prison of this County,

Ordered, That Wm. Kelly, the Sheriff, attend the Council immediately, and he attended accordingly, but not being able to give the necessary information on the subject of the said Prisoners' escape, thereupon Wm. Immel, the Goaler, was sent for & appeared.

On examination of his own confession it appears, That he rose at 3 O'Clock in the Morning, opened the back door & let out a Hessian Baker, & a Servant to assist him in bakeing Bread, according to his custom; that he did not again lock the door, but went to bed; That he rose early in the Morning & went to Market & left the Kitchen door unlocked, depending on the Centry at the door for the safety of the Prisoners.

Ordered, That the Sheriff, now present, take Will'm Immell into his Custody, & him safely keep until he shall be further examined by this Council.

The Sheriff having informed the Council that a certain Caleb Johnson of this Borough, Dealer, had yesterday received McKinley's Horse from a certain Rob't Spear,

Ordered, That the said Caleb Johnson be immediately arrested & brought before the Council, & thereupon a Warrant was issued for that purpose, and Caleb Johnson being brought before the Council, & declaring that he had delivered the said Horse to Christian Foutz, Esq'r, of this Borough, the said Foutz being sent for, report was made by the Constable that Mr. Foutz was not at home; the account that is given by Caleb Johnson not being satisfactory,

Ordered, That Caleb Johnson be committed to Goal until further examination be had before this Council.

Ordered, That Christian Foutz, Esq'r, be arrested & brought before this Council, there appearing sufficient reason to suspect that he was concerned in assisting the said Brooks & McKinley in their escape from the Prison of this County.

Ordered, That Rob't Spear be arrested & brought before this Council, to account for his conduct in the aforesaid transaction, respecting McKinley's Horse.

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Ordered, That the Secretary do call on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer of the Continental Congress, now in the Borough, & request him to Pay to the Secretary the Sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, & take the said Secretary's Receipt for that Sum, as part of Two hundred thousand Dollars ordered by Congress to be paid to John Gibson, Esq'r, to this Council, & by them endorsed to Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, for which said Sum this Council will account to Mr. Rittenhouse, as part of the said order of Congress.

Mr. Hillegas having sent forward the Money, this order was not complied with.

Rich'd McAllister, Esq'r, Lieut. of the County of York, having requested to be supplied by the hands of Mr. Tho's Amor, with a further Sum of Money, for the purpose of sending out the Militia of that County; thereupon,

An order was drawn on John Gibson, Esq'r, in favor of the said Rich'd McAllister, for the Sum of Four thousand Dollars, & forwarded the same to him by the hands of Mr. Thomas Amor.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday October 6, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Proctor, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Robert Spear being before the Council & examined, it does not appear that he had any knowledge of the design of supplying McKinley with a Horse to make his escape upon, the Secretary reports that Mr. Hilligas having sent forward the Money to York Town, could not comply with the order of Saturday last.

His Excell'y The President reports, that John Gibson, Esq'r, had paid into his hands the Sum of twenty-eight thousand Eight hundred & Two Dollars, in part of the last order of Congress on him for Two hundred Thousand dollars, in favor of this Council, & that he had deposited the same in the hands of the Secretary.

Ordered, That Fifteen Waggons be ordered from the County of Northampton, to Trenton or Bristol, to bring away some Indigo & other public property now lying there under the care of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, The Speaker of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, informed the Council that a Committee was appointed to confer with Council on the present State of Public Affairs, & desired to know when they may attend.

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Ordered, That the Hon'ble the Speaker be informed that the Council are now ready to receive the Committee of the House, and Mr. Bayard, the Speaker, Mr. Parker, Colonel Kirkbride, Doct. Gardner, Colo. Davis, Mr. Cuningham, Mr. McClean, & Mr. Whitehill, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday October 7, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, & John Bailey, John Lowdan. } Esq'rs.

The Council took into consideration the present State of our public affairs, & Spent the greatest part of the day thereupon; in the Evening the Committee appointed by the Hon'ble House to confer with Council, again attended the Council in conference, & spent some time with the Council.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday October 8, 1777.

PRESENT.

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, & John Bailey, John Lowdan. } Esq'rs.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Business under Consideration with the Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly.

Colo. Hart took his seat in Council.

An order was Drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo Clerke, Paymaster of the Militia for the County of Cumberland, for the Sum of Eight thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Philip Marstiller, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of Lancaster County, for the Sum of four thousand Dollars, for which he is to Account.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Octo'r 9, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, John Lowdan, & Jos. Hart. } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Lollar, for eleven days' service in surveying the ground near the River, for the Sum of Eleven Pounds for said service.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday October 10, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Bailey, Jonathan Hoge, John Lowdan, & Jos. Hart. } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Henry, Esq'r, Lieut. of the City of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Two Thousand dollars, for which he is to account.

Colo. Boyd, Sub-Lieut. of the County of Chester, now applying for Ammunition, to be put into the hands of the Militia of that County, for their immediate defence,

Ordered, That Maj. Wirtz supply Colo. Boyd with Ammunition, to be by him put into the hands of the Militia of Chester County, for their immediate defence.

Ordered, That the Militia of the fifth Class of the County of Chester, be employed in defending the inhabitants from the excursions of the Enemy, & that the Lieutenant use his utmost endeavours to mount fifty of the Militia on Horseback, for the same purpose.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Boyd, Lieut. of the County of Chester, for One thousand five hundred dollars, to be charged to Colo. Smith, for which the said Colo. Smith is to account.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday October 11, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jonathan Hoge, & John Lowdan. } Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Styner & Cist, for the Sum of One hundred and Seventy five Pounds, to be charged to their account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Sunday October 12, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, Jacob Morgan, & John Lowdan. } Esq'rs.

And adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday October 18, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jonathan Hoge, & John Lowdan. } Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Will'm Coats, Lieut. of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Fred'k Snyder, for Two Reams of Paper & three Boxes, for the Sum of Eight Pounds five Shillings, being the purchase of the same.

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An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Jos. Kirkbride, for the Sum of Two Thousand dollars, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday October 14, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,	Robt. Whitehill,	} Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,	Jonathan D. Serjeant, &	
Jacob Morgan,	Jac'b Orndt.	

That Mr. Cunningham be requested to purchase as many Blankets as he can procure, & for this purpose,

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Sam'l Cunningham, Esq'r, for the Sum of One thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

John Swiney, a private of Capt. Thompson's Company, in Colo. Hazen's Regiment, having made his escape, was examined, & permitted to pass to Tyrone Township in York County, to return to Camp in fifteen days from this date.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Octo. 15, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan,	Rob't Whitehill,	} Esq'rs.
Jonathan D. Serjeant,	Jacob Orndt.	

Colo. Miles Attended & requested that Colo. Pipers' family may be furnished with his Pay, as they were in necessity, & no Paymaster now on duty, and also requested that some Money may be advanced to Colo. Atlee's Lady, agreeable to an order from him.

Ordered, That the Sum of Two hundred Pounds be paid to Colo. Miles, to be by him paid to Colo. Piper's Lady, & charged to Colo. Piper, and accordingly,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Sam'l Miles, for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, to be charged to Colo. Miles.

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And an order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Sam'l Miles, for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, for the use of, and to be charged to Colo. Atlee.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Morris, jun'r, Esq'r, for the Sum of Sixty Pounds, for his services in prosecuting in behalf of the State at several Courts.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of the Hon'ble John Lowdan, Esq'r, for the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sixteen Shillings & Eight Pence, for thirty-five days attendance in Council, & Mileage on one hundred and seventy miles.

Mich'l Renthart was sent express to Head Quarters.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday October 16, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonat. D. Sergeant, &
John Bailey, Rob't Whitehill, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Tho's Cheny, Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Chester, for the Sum of Two thousand Dollars, to be Charged to Colo. Smith, Lieutenant of the said County, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes & purchasing Blankets, for which Sum he is to account.

The Secretary laid before the Council a receipt signed by Dav'd Rittenhouse, dated the 14th ins't, by which it appears the Secretary had paid

	Dollars.
To Rich'd Humphreys, by order of Council,	9,995
Wm. Clarke, Paymaster of Cumberland County Militia,	8,000
Ph'p Marsteller, ditto of Lancaster County Militia,	4,000
The said Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, the Sum of	6,807
Amounting to the Sum of	28,802

Which is equal to the Sum paid into his hands by His Excell'y Tho's Wharton, jun'r, Esq'r, President, on the 6th instant.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday October 17, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, John Bailey, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan, &

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Stephen Sutton, for the Sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, for his service riding express to Head Quarters.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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FOR THE

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IN COUNCIL OF SAFETY FOR THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

FRIDAY, October the 17th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Honorable Vice President, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Hoge, Colonel Morgan, Mr. Whitehill and Mr. Sergeant.

The following Proclamation having been Read and considered; Thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be published in the following words, viz:

"*By the Council of Safety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, The Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, in and by a certain Act made and passed at Lancaster, the thirteenth day of this instant, October, entitled "An Act for constituting a Council of Safety and vesting the same with the powers therein mentioned," have enacted and declared as follows, viz:

"*Whereas*, The British Troops have penetrated into this State, and after much devastation and great cruelty in their progress, have seized the Metropolis: *And Whereas*, in times of such danger and confusion, the ordinary powers of Government cannot be regularly administered, more especially as the term for which the present Legislative Body of the Commonwealth have been chosen, will speedily expire; whereby evil-minded persons may be encouraged by open or secret practices to assist the common Enemy, and further to distress the good people of this Commonwealth; For prevention whereof, it hath become necessary, for a limited time, to vest fit persons with summary and adequate powers to punish offenders and restrain abuses:

"*Be it, therefore, enacted*, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, And by the Authority of the same, That the members of the Supreme Executive Council of this State, together with John Bayard, Jonathan Sergeant, Jonathan B. Smith, David Rittenhouse, Joseph Gardner, Robert Orndt, Curtis Grubb, James Cannon and William Henry, of Lancaster, Esquires,

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be constituted, and they are hereby constituted, *a Council of Safety*, with full power to promote and provide for the preservation of the Commonwealth, by such regulations and ordinances as to them shall seem necessary, and to proceed against, seize, detain, imprison, punish, either capitally or otherwise, as the case may require, in a summary mode, either by themselves or others by them to be appointed for that purpose, all persons who shall disobey or transgress the same or the laws of this State heretofore made, for the purpose of restraining or punishing traitors or others, who, from their General conduct and conversation may be deemed inimical to the common cause of liberty and the United States of North America.

"And the said Council of Safety are hereby authorized and empowered, by the Authority aforesaid, to take and seize, where it may be needful, provisions and other necessaries for the Army or the inhabitants, and to appraise and value the same so taken, and for this end to appoint proper persons under them to take, seize, and appraise as aforesaid; And the said Council of Safety shall in general regulate the prices of such articles as they may think necessary, and compel a sale thereof, where they shall be wanted, with full powers also to call to their aid all officers and other persons, civil or military, in the execution of the Premises.

"*And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid*, That the President or Vice President of the Executive Council, and any six of the said members of the said Council of Safety, shall be a quorum to do business.

"*Provided always*, That the exercise of the ordinary course of Justice in the trial and punishment of offenders shall proceed and take its effects, and that original writs and process in the Law for debts and demands may be issued and carried on, notwithstanding this Act or any thing therein contained, and that all other civil and lawful business and actings be done and performed in the manner practised at the time of passing this Act, as far as the present condition of the state will admit, so as that the exercise of the authority and jurisdiction hertofore given and granted to the said Council of Safety, or the authority given to the Supream Executive Council by an Act of General Assembly, passed in the present year, entitled 'An Act to empower the Supreme Executive Council of this Commonwealth to provide for the security thereof in special cases, where no provision is already made by law,' be not obstructed or questioned.

"*And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the members of the said Executive Council, and the said John Bayard, Jonathan Sergeant, Jonathan B. Smith, David Rittenhouse, Joseph Gardner, Robert Whitehill, Christopher Marshall, James Smith of Yorktown, Jacob Orndt, Curtis Grubb, James Cannon, and William Henry of Lancaster, or any other persons acting under their authority in the premises, or any of them, shall

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not at any time hereafter be liable to any suit, action, or prosecution, for anything done in pursuance of this Act or the powers hereby given and granted, but that they and each of them, shall be collectively and severally indemnified, saved harmless, and discharged of the same, and that all suits, actions and prosecutions shall be barred, abated and discontinued, by the Court before whom the proceedings shall be brought.

"*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Supreme Executive Council of this State, may at any time during the continuance of the powers and authorities hereby granted, by Proclamation or other public act, renounce, determine and extinguish the same, and every part thereof, and that thereupon the said powers and every of them, shall cease and become void, and be no longer exercised and enforced.

"*Provided lastly*, That the powers hereby given and entrusted to the said Council of Safety, shall continue and remain in force, (unless otherwise sooner determined) to the end of the next sitting of General Assembly, and no longer.

"We therefore, the Members of the said Council of Safety, being convened in pursuance of the said Act of General Assembly, do give this Public notice of our said appointment, hereby Requiring all manner of Persons, as well officers Civil and Military as others, to Govern themselves according to the just laws of this Commonwealth, and the necessary provisions which have or shall be made for the protection thereof, in this time of Public danger and Calamity.—We do also most expressly charge and Require, that all persons do utterly forbear from furnishing the Armies or Fleets of the King of Great Britain with provisions or other necessaries or aid, and from transporting or carrying the same provisions or other necessaries aforesaid, to any City, Town or place in the power or possession of the said Fleet or Armies, most eernestly entreating them to save us the Irksome task of punishing them with immediate death, as their crimes deserve. And, we do most solemnly charge and command all Forestallers and Ingrossers of provisions and other necessaries, by whose most horrible and pernicious practices and examples we are threatened with want in the midst of plenty, that they do wholly cease and abstain from preying on the necessitous, abusing the Publick, and aggravating the distresses of their Country, lest they be overtaken in their Iniquities, and dealt with according to their demerits. And it is Recommended to all persons possessed of Provisions and other necessaries, cautiously to avoid selling the same to such forestallers and ingrossers, but to dispose of them for the use of the American Army, or to persons who may be in want of them for their own immediate use, at a Reasonable price, otherwise this Council must interpose their Authority to prevent and Redress such abuses. And all the good people of this Commonwealth are called upon and invited to Join with us in the most speedy and Vigerous exertions for Rescuing this State from the Tyranny, de-

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vastation and oppression of her cruel enemies, that we may again see good days, and enjoy the inestimable blessings of liberty and peace.

Given at Lancaster, the 17th day of October, in the year of our Lord, 1777."

In Council of Safety.

LANCASTER, Octo'r 17th, 1777.

Ordered, That Colonel Bartram Galbraith, Lieutenant of the County of Lancaster, be empowered to collect all the Blanketts for the Sick which can be spared by the inhabitants, and that he employ such persons for this purpose as he may think proper.

Ordered, That John Hobson, Ludwig Lowman and William Hamilton, Esquires, be appointed to Value on Oath, such blankets as may be taken and collected in consequence of the foregoing order.

In Council of Safety.

Saturday, October 18th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Excellency President, Mr. V. President, Colonel Morgan, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Hoge and Mr. Hart, Mr. J. D. Serjeant, Mr. Grubb, Mr. Whitehill.

In Council of Safety.

TUESDAY, October 21st, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Honb'e Vice President, Col. Morgan, Col. Hart, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Serjeant and Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That Colonel Evan Evans, Colonel William Evans, Col. Thomas, Col. Gibbons, Captain Thomas Levis, Capt. William Brooks, and Capt. Jacob Rudolph, be authorised and required to collect without delay, from such of the Inhabitants of Chester County as have not taken the Oaths of Allegance and abjuration, or who have Aided or assisted the Enemy, Arms and Accoutrements, blankets, shoes and stockings, for the use of the Army; that they appraise the same when

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taken, according to their Quality, allowing at the Rate of three pounds for a new single blanket, and give certificates for the same to the owners; That they call to their Aid the Militia of this Commonwealth, who are hereby ordered to obey and assist them in the execution of this Order, and that they deliver the same so taken to the Order of the Clothier General, or his Agent, with whom they are to correspond in the discharge of this business.

Ordered, That Colonel Bartram Galbraith, Major Cook, Captain George Franciscus, and Captain Craig, be appointed for the same purposes, and with the like instructions & Authority, in the County of Lancaster.

The following Ordinance being Read and Considered, Viz't:

"WHEREAS, divers of the inhabitants of this Commonwealth, not Regarding their duty to the State, but Renouncing their Allegiance thereto, and disclaiming the protection thereof, have wickedly joined themselves to our unnatural Enemies, giving to them aid and assistance by furnishing them with provisions and otherwise, thereby contributing as far as in them lies, to increase the distresses of their injured Country; and whereas, it is highly unjust and Repugnant to the practice of all Nations to protect and preserve the property of their avowed Enemies; Therefore,

Be it Ordained, Resolved and declared, and by Virtue of the powers and Authorities to us committed by the Legislature of this State, it is, by the Council of Safety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby ordained, Resolved and declared, that all and every the personal Estate and effects whatsoever of such of the Inhabitants of this Commonwealth as have, or hereafter shall abandon their Families or habitations, & Joined the Army of the King of Great Britain, and of all such as shall Resort to any City, Town or place within this Commonwealth in possession of the Troops or Armies of the said King of Great Britain, carrying to them Provisions, or that shall otherwise afford to them such provisions or intelligence or other Aid, shall be seized upon and safely Kept by the Commissioners hereinafter Appointed, for the use and purpose herein after declared, and all sales and alienations thereof, and of all or any of the Real Estates of such Offenders in the mean time made by them, or any of them, their, or either Agents, Factors, or Attornies, are hereby declared to be null and void, to all intents and purposes whatsoever; And be it further Resolved, ordained and declared, by the authority aforesaid, that the Commissioners for the Respective Counties hereinafter appointed, or any or either of them, shall and may, with all convenient speed after the Publication of this Ordinance, seize upon and into his or their Custody, and make a true and perfect inventory of all the personal Estate and effects of every such Offender, and dispose of all the perishable part thereof, and at his or their discretion, convey away and Remove to places of safety, sell, or otherwise dispose of, where it may

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be necessary, all such goods and effects of the said Offenders as they shall apprehend to be in danger of falling into the hands of the Enemy, and the said Monies and Goods so by them taken or Received, the said Commissioners are Required to Retain and keep safely, subject to the future disposition of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, Keeping true Accounts of their proceedings, and Receiving for their trouble, over and above their Costs and charges, at the Rate of five ℔ centum. And the said Commissioners are hereby also further directed and enjoined, with all convenient speed after the making such inventory and sale or sales as aforesaid, to deliver, on Oath, to the Treasurer, a true Copy of such Inventory or account of sales.

And be it further Resolved, Ordained and declared by the authority aforesaid, that the several persons hereinafter named, (or in their or either of their stead and place, in case they or either of them shall refuse or be disabled to perform the duties upon them enjoined, in and by this Ordinance, such other person or persons as this Council shall from time to time appoint,) shall be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid, to-Wit:

For the City of Philadelphia, William Will, Sharp Delany, Jacob Schriner, Charles Wilson Peale, Robert Smith, (Hatter,) Samuel Massay.

For the County of Philadelphia, William Antis, Robert Lollar, James Stroud, Daniel Hiester, Archibald Thompson.

For the County of Chester, William Evans, William Gibbons, Thomas Cheney, Isaac Taylor, Thomas Levis, Capt'n William Brooke, and Patterson Bell.

For the County of Bucks, Richard Gibbs, Joseph M'Ilvaine John Lacey, Samuel Smith, John Crawford, Nicholas Potter.

For the County of Lancaster, William Bauseman, Casper Shaffner, Robert Patton, George Steward, Francis Armstong, James, Cunningham.

For the County of York, William White, Robert Stevenson, James Nailor, Matthew Dill, William Chesney, John Ewing.

For the County of Cumberland, George Stevenson, John Boggs, and Joseph Brady.

For the County of Berks, Thomas Parry, David Morgan, Peter Nagle, Henry Natter, Daniel Ultree Speiker, Joseph Neister.

For the County of Northampton, Conrad Krider, — Keichline, Paul Balliot, Robert Levers, Daniel Depuy.

For the County of Bedford, Robert Galbraith, Thomas Urie, John Piper.

For the County of Northumberland, John Kelly, Thomas Hewitt.

For the County of Westmoreland, Colonel John Proctor, Thomas Galbraith.

And be it lastly resolved, ordained and declared by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners, or any or either of them,

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shall be fully authorized and empowered to search for and seize the said goods and effects of such offenders, and for this end to send for, call before them, and examine persons and papers, to use force and to break open doors in all Cases where the same goods may be secreted and concealed, to commit such as shall absolutely Resist their Authority, and to call to their Aid Officers and others, civil and Military, who are hereby Required and commanded to Aid and assist them accordingly.

On Motion, agreed, That the foregoing Ordinance be passed and Published immediately.

In Council of Safety.

WEDNESDAY, October 22d, 1777.

Present, the Council of Safety, and Mr. Serjeant and Dr. Gardner.

General Armstrong attended and laid before the Council the State of the Militia, and requested that a further proportion of the Militia of the State be Ordered into Service.

In Council of Safety.

THURSDAY, October 23d, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

Peter Dehaven informed the Council that he was not able to furnish the Gun Factory at Hummels-town with provisions, there being none to be purchased in that Neighbourhood; On Consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Joshua Elder, Sub-Lieutenant of this County, be authorized and Required to take effectual measures to supply the Factory at Hummels Town with Provisions; And if he shall find it necessary to seize provisions for this purpose, he is to give Certificates for the same to the Owners, to be Paid for at such prices as this Council shall hereafter agree upon and Order.

In Council of Safety.

FRIDAY October 24th, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

The Council took into consideration "An Ordinance for the more effectual levying the monies advanced for substitutes in the Militia"

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and fines due to the Publick for disobedience to the Militia Laws;" And having spent some time thereon,

Adjourned to to-Morrow, Usual Hour.

In Council of Safety.

SATURDAY October 25th, 1777.

Present as yesterday, and Colonel Bayard.

The Council Resumed the consideration of the Ordinance intitled "An Ordinance for the more effectual levying the monies advanced for Substitutes in the Militia, and fines due to the Publick for disobedience to the Militia Laws;" And agreed that the following Ordinance be passed and Published, Vizt:

"*An Ordinance for the more effectual levying the Monies advanced for Substitutes in the Militia, and fines due to the Publick, for disobedience to the Militia Laws.*

"WHEREAS, in Consequence of the delinquency of the Personal service of many Male inhabitants in this State, liable to serve in the Militia, they have become bound to pay and Re-imburse to this Commonwealth Sums of Money advanced to Substitutes in their Room and Stead, and others in like manner delinquent, for whom no Substitutes had been found, have become liable to payment of money equal to a medium of the advances to Substitutes Provided to serve in the Class of Militia, Respectively, in which such persons has been alotted; *And Whereas*, many of the Persons aforesaid, have not yet paid the Sums of Money so due as aforesaid, and great difficultys and delays have happened in the Premises, whereby large and heavy advances of the Publick treasure Remain dispersed and useless to the State, and in danger of being lost; for Remedy whereof, and to prevent like mischiefs in the further Embodying of Militia, who are now drawing out, or may hereafter be drawn out, for the Publick defence:

"*Be it Ordained by the Council of Safety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, And it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same,* That from and after the date of this Ordinance, the Lieutenant, or one of the Sub-Lieutenants of the County in which any such person doth or may Reside, shall, after an Opportunity of appeal has been afforded to such delinquent, and in five days after demand of the sum of Money due, or which may become due, by such delinquent as aforesaid, by a Collector Authorized by such Lieutenant or deputy Lieutenant; and upon Refusal of neglect of payment thereof, that such Lieutenant or Sub-Lieutenant shall issue an order to a proper person, to be appointed by the

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Lieutenant or Sub-Lieutenant, to levy the sum due by such person, with charges, by distress and sale of the Goods and Chattles of such Person, and to support and render effectual such order by calling in the Aid of the Militia, where the same may be necessary:

"*Provided always*, That any person delinquent as aforesaid, who may yet be in arrear for any sum of Money as aforesaid, shall be discharged and Exonerated of the same, in case he shall join with and serve for two Months in the next class of Militia which shall be marched in the Public service, and shall notify his intention so to do to the Lieutenant or Sub-Lieutenant, and become bound, with sufficient surety, to perform said service or yield such payment.

"*And whereas*, Many of the fines by law due to the State from divers Persons for non-attendance on the Musters and days of exercise under the late Association, have not been as yet collected; and fines already incurred, or that may hereafter be incurred by the non-Observance of the Militia Laws of this Commonwealth, ought to be strictly collected:

"*Be it therefore Ordained, by the authority aforesaid*, That all such fines shall be levied and recovered in the same manner as the sums due for Substitutes are by this Ordinance ordered to be levied.

"*And be it further Ordained, by the authority aforesaid*, That the Collectors aforesaid shall Retain five per Centum out of all Monies which they may receive in pursuance of this Ordinance; the same in case of Monies due for neglect of personal Service in the Militia, to be added to and levied with the Respective Sums and Charges thereon, so due as aforesaid.

"*And be it further Ordained, by the authority aforesaid*, That if any person or Persons to whom the Lieutenant or Sub-Lieutenant of any County shall direct an order, Commanding such Person to levy the Money hereinbefore directed to be levied on delinquents as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to perform the duty to which he shall be so called and enjoined as aforesaid, that upon such neglect or refusal, the said Lieutenant or Sub-Lieutenant may and shall Commit such person to the Common Goal of the County, there to be kept for and during the space of Sixty days."

Ordered, That Colonel Peter Grubb be directed to attend this Council on Tuesday next.

Agreed, That the following Ordinance be passed and Published, Viz:

"*An Ordinance for appointing and authorizing an additional number of Sub-Lieutenants, to act in the County of Lancaster.*

"WHEREAS, the Inhabitants of the County of Lancaster, from their great numbers and the disposition of some to oppose or delay the Operation of the Militia laws of this State, have Rendered the

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duties of the Lieutenant and sub-Lieutenants of the said county not only difficult, but also very extensive and burdensome, whereby it hath become necessary to appoint a greater number of sub-Lieutenants than is mentioned in the Militia law. It is, therefore, Ordained by the Council of Safety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that Curtis Grubb, Esq'r, William Ross, of the borough of Lancaster, and Simon Snyder of the said Borough, be appointed, and they are hereby appointed sub-Lieutenants of the said County of Lancaster, and that they and each of them shall have, use, and exercise all the powers and authorities which the sub-Lieutenants appointed in the Militia Law of this State are authorized and empowered to have, use or exercise, and shall be allowed the like pay for their services as to the Sub-Lieutenants appointed by virtue of the said Militia law is or hath been allowed.

"By order of the Council of Safety.

"THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

In Council of Safety.

SUNDAY 26th October, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

A letter was written to William Buchanan, Esquire, Commissary General, on the subject of obtaining a Supply for the Army, and affixing the Prices of some material Articles; Wheat 8s 6; Rye 8s 6; Indian Corn 6s 6; Beef 10 dollars, (sinking 5 lb q'r); Pork Eight dollars ℔ C't.

In Council of Safety.

TUESDAY October 28th, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

In Council of Safety.

WEDNESDAY October 29th, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

Several of the Commissioners appointed to collect and appraise blankets in this Country being now at Camp,

Ordered, That John Jordan, David Watson, David Whitehill, and David Jenkins, be added to the Committee appointed to Col-

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lect and appraise Blankets in this County for the use of the Army.

Letters were written to General Mifflin and to Colonel Biddle, on the subject of forage, And the following prices Recommended: Oats 5s ℔ bushel; spelts 5s ℔ bushel; Hay (first Crop) £7 ℔ ton; second crop £4 10 ℔ ton.

In Council of Safety.

THURSDAY October 30th, 1777.

Present as yesterday, & Col. Curtis Grubb.

Colonel Grubb Represented to the Council that his Furnace is now in blast for the purpose of Casting Salt-pans, and that the blast cannot be continued without the assistance of Thomas Edwards, Manager; David Short, founder; John Campbell and John Forster, Colliers; and John Peters, Carpenter; that these Men being called out in the Militia in the Classes now ordered, must March without the particular order of this Council; On Consideration,

Ordered, That the said Thomas Edwards, David Short, John Campbell, John Forster and John Peters, who are employed at Grubb's furnace in Casting Salt-pans for the making of Salt, be permitted to continue at the said furnace until the said Salt-pans be compleated, and that they then proceed to Camp with all expedition, and serve out their Tour in the field.

In Council of Safety.

FRIDAY October 31st, 1777.

Ordered, That Christian Wirtz of this Borough, be appointed a sub-Lieutenant of the County of Lancaster, in the Room and stead of William Ross, who hath declined serving in that Office.

In Council of Safety.

SATURDAY Novem'r 1st, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

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In Council of Safety.

MONDAY November 8d, 1777.

Present as on Saturday, & David Rittenhouse, s'r.

In Council of Safety.

TUESDAY November 4th, 1777.

Present as yesterday, and John Hambright and James Edgar.

In Council of Safety.

WEDNESDAY Nov'r 5th, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

Ordered, That Mr. Wirtz deliver to John Swanick the Goods, Cattle and Negroes lately seized as the property of his Father, and that Mr. Bauseman make out a list of the same, and deliver it to this Council, in order to having them appraised and security given for the re-delivery thereof, when called for.

Agreed, That it be Recommended to the Commissary General and Quarter-Master General, and their Deputys, to fix the prices of the following articles, as below is mentioned, Viz't: Wheat 8s 6; Rye 8s 6; Indian Corn, 6s 6 ℔ bushel; Whiskey, full spirit, 8s 6 ℔ Gallon; Hay, best first crop, at £7 10 ℔ ton; second crop, £6 ℔ ton.

Agreed, That it be Recommended to the Commissary General, that he allow for good Pork seven dollars per hundred, and that he allow for good Beef Ten dollars per hundred, (sinking the fifth quarter,) agreeable to a former Resolve.

In Council of Safety.

THURSDAY November 6th, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

The Council took into consideration the appointing of an additional number of Commissioners in the several counties for collecting Arms, Accoutrements, blankets, &ca.

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In Council of Safety.

FRIDAY November 7th, 1777.

Present, as Yesterday.

The petition of divers Workmen employed in the State Factory, was Read; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Removal of the Families of the said Workmen be a public expence; and that the prices of the under-mentioned Articles in the said Factory, be paid to the Workmen as mentioned opposite to each of them, agreeable to the recommendation of Mr. Benjamin Rittenhouse, Viz't: Stocking a Musket, 15s; Splicing a Stock, 3s 9; Dressing Mounting, 3s 9; Sawing Stocks, 1s 3. And that the said Workmen be allowed seven shillings and six pence ₰ day, from the time they left off Working at Philadelphia.

The following Ordinance being Read and Considered, Viz't:

"WHEREAS, Many persons, regarding only their private Interest by buying up and engrossing divers kinds of Merchandises, particularly provisions and necessaries for the Army, have greatly Raised the prices of Goods in general, to the manifest Injury of the public, and to the distress of the Soldiery:

"*And Whereas*, The mode of Restraining & punishing engrossers by the usual course of Common law, is at this time of invasion in a great degree become impracticable, and is withal too slow and uncertain to prevent such Enormities, which if not Restrained and corrected must weaken and Ruin our efforts against the enemy:

Be it therefore Ordained, and it is hereby Ordained by the Council of Safety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, That if any person within this state shall buy up, engross, forestal, or get into his or her hands, Bar-Iron, Leather, Salt, wheat, Cattle or other Merchandise, or Vitual, in greater quantities than such person shall make to appear, to be proper and suitable for his or her own need and supply, and shall be thereof convicted, in the manner herein after directed, every such Person shall for the first Offence, forfeit all the Goods, Merchandise and Vitual so engrossed as aforesaid; and for the second offence, over and above like forfeiture, shall be imprisoned, without bail and Mainprize, for the space of three months; and for the third offence, besides like forfeiture and imprisonment, shall be adjudged to stand, and shall stand in the Pillory, and forfeit all his or her Goods, as by Common and Statute Law is directed:

"*Provided always*, That Millers purchasing wheat, and Graziers purchasing lean Cattle, and other persons buying goods for the purposes of their trade and occupations only, shall not be considered as engrossers or forestallers; so as such dealers sell not again the same goods unmanufactured or unimproved by art.

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"*And be it further ordained*, That if any person or persons shall offend in the premises, it shall and may be lawful for the President or Vice President, and two Members of the Executive Council, or for any three justices of the peace for any County, to inquire concerning the same, and thereof to hear and determine, and for that purpose arrest the accused, and to seize and secure the goods by him or her engrossed or bought up, and to summon a Grand Jury, and if the party accused shall traverse the Indictment, to award a petty Jury, and upon their Verdict to adjudge and execute, according to the law of the land and this Act.

"By Order of the Council of Safety."

In Council of Safety.

LANCASTER, November 7th, 1777.

"WHEREAS, the great quantities of Whiskey made and consumed in this Commonwealth, and the enormous price at which it is sold, is attended with many inconveniencies and dangers, more especially that of Raising the price of bread Corn, and if not prevented, of creating a scarcity of that most necessary article:

"*Be it therefore Ordained, and it is hereby ordained by the Council of Safety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*, That from and after the first day of December next following, no person or persons whatsoever, other than Suttlers in Camp, licensed and appointed According to the Articles of War, shall presume to take or Receive greater or higher prices than at the Rate of eight Shillings and Sixpence, Pennsylvania Currency, by the Gallon, including a sufficient Cask, for any Spirituous Liquors distilled from grain or fruit, commonly called Whiskey, of Merchantable strength and proof, upon pain of forfeiting the double value of the spirituous liquors so sold for the first offence, and of treble Value for the Second and every other Offence, to be Received and Recovered by an action of debt, to the use of the informer, before one Justice of the peace, or in any Court where debts of the like Value are Cognizable:

"*Provided always, and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority aforesaid*, That this Ordinance, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend to the price of Spirituous liquors sold in small quantities of less than one quart by Retailers of liquor, licensed according to law, the prices of which shall be Regulated by the Justices in Sessions, according to the laws heretofore used or appointed:

"*And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any person or persons shall deliver, sell, Offer to sell, or expose to sale, any such spirituous liquors as hereinbefore described, which shall not be of proper Merchantable strength and goodness, all per-

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sons selling or exposing to sale any such adulterated and unmerchantable Spirituous liquors, shall be liable to a forfeiture of eight Shillings and sixpence, like Money, for every Gallon of such liquors so delivered, sold, offered or exposed to sale; the same to be Recovered of the offender, to the use of the informer, by action of debt, in like manner as hereinbefore is directed.

"By Order of the Council of Safety."

On Motion, agreed, That the foregoing ordinances be passed and published immediately.

In Council of Safety.

Saturday Nov'r 8th, 1777.

Present as yesterday, & also James Smith, Esq'r.

Ordered, That the persons hereinafter named, in the Respective Counties, be authorized and Required to collect without delay, from such of the Inhabitants of the said Respective counties as have not taken the Oath of Allegiance and Abjuration, or who have aided or assisted the enemy, arms and accoutrements, blankets, Wollen & Linsey Woolsey Cloth, Linnen, shoes and stockings, for the Army: that they Appraise the same when taken, according to their quality, allowing at the following rates, Vizt: For a New single blanket three pounds, and in proportion for inferior kinds: For strong, large, well made shoes, twenty-five shillings p Pair: For good yarn stockings twenty-two shillings and six pence p pair: For good, well manufactured Cloth, ¾ wide, 30 shillings p yard: For good Linsey Woolsey, yarde wide, 15 shillings per yard: For good y'd wide linnen, for soldiers' shirts, (about an 800) 15 shillings p yard: For good tow linnen 8 shillings p yard; And that the same be delivered, when so taken, to the Clothier General or his Agent, with whom they are to Correspond in the discharge of this business. Also, that the Commissionors be allowed for every day which they shall be employed in this business, the sum of twenty shillings p day, each.

For the County of Chester.

Col. Evan Evans,	Capt'n John Gardiner,
Philip Scott, Esq'r,	Samuel Holliday,
Elijah McClenaghan,	Col'l Wm. Evans,
Capt'n John Ramsay,	Capt'n Israel Whellan,
Patterson Bell, Esq'r,	John Wilson,
Thomas Boyd, Esq'r,	Capt'n Sam'l Vanleer,
Capt'n Benj'n Wallace,	Thomas Levis, Esq'r,
William Gibbons,	Capt'n Wm. Brookes,
Col'l George Pierce,	Capt'n David Coupland,
Capt'n McCay (Concord),	Col'l Thomas Taylor,
Major Cromwell Pierce,	Capt'n Allen Cuningham.

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For the County of Bucks.

Joseph McIlvaine,
John Lacey, Junior,
Richard Gibbs,
Samuel Smith,
John Crawford,
Nicholas Patterson,
John Vanhorn, (Solebury,)
James Benezet,
Hugh Adams,
William McHenry.

For the County of Lancaster.

Bartram Galbraith,
Christopher Coucher, (of Lebanon,)
Richard Fence,
Capt'n Robert Craig,
Col'l Cowden,
Christ'r Franciscus,
Col'l John Rogers,
David Watson,
Stephen Hornberger,
Col'l Sam'l Jones,
James Watson,
John Jordan,
Lodwick Shell.

For the County of York.

Joseph Donaldson,
George Erwin,
Thomas Stockton,
Frederick Gelwix,
Thomas Weems,
John Nesbitt,
Henry Cotton,
Jacob Staley,
John Andrew,
Robert Smith.

For the County of Cumberland.

John Boggs,
Abraham Smith,
John Andrew,
William McClure,
Samuel Williamson,
James Purdy,
William Blair.

For the County of Berks.

Henry Christ,
Henry Haller,
Thomas Parry,
Daniel Utree,
Philip Millar,
Nathan Lewis,
John Lower,
Godfried Ream,
Jacob Seltzer,
Nich's Shaffer.

For the County of Northampton.

Thomas Sellman,
Rob't Lattimore,
Nich's Karn,
Abram. Arndt,
Henry Alless,
John Cambers,
Peter Trexler, sen'r,
Peter Koller,
Jacob Woods.

For the County of Philadelphia.

Matthew Sheuffley,
Dan'l Heister, jun'r,
Col'l John Moore,
Major Wright,
William Antis,
Samuel Dewees,
Christian Doll,
Andrew Knox,
John Hamilton, (Plymoth,)
John Wendtz, Jun'r,
Philip Markley,
and
John Brookes.

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In Council of Safety,

Monday Nov'r 10th, 1777.

Present as yesterday (except James Smith, Absent).

In Council of Safety,

Tuesday Novem'r 11th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Hon'ble Vice President, Colonel Morgan, Colonel Hart, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Henry, Colonel Bayard, and Mr. Rittenhouse.

Ordered, That the Justices of the peace of this State, who shall attend on the days of Appeal appointed by the Lieutenants of the Counties respectively, shall be allowed and paid by the Lieutenant of the County Twenty shillings p. day for every day they shall attend such Appeals.

In Council of Safety.

Wednesday Nov'r 12th, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

In Council of Safety.

Thursday Novem'r 13th, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

George Ross, Junior, Dep. Qu'r M., applied to Council for assistance in procuring about one hundred Waggons, which are now very pressingly demanded of him for the purpose of supplying the Army with Provisions; thereupon,

Ordered, That a Warrant be issued commanding the assistance of all Civil Officers to be aiding and assisting in providing and procuring the said Waggons out of the following Townships, to wit: Earl township, 12; Carnarvon, 15; Cocalico, 8; Strassburg, 10; Leacock, 8; Warwick, 8; Manheim, 10; Rapho, 10; Hempfield, 9 —Ninety Waggons.

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It being represented to Council, that John James, of the City of Philadelphia, hath been of late employed and sent out of the City by the Enemy, upon designs which are inimical to these United States; thereupon,

Ordered, That the good people of this Commonwealth, as well officers Civil and Military as others, do exert themselves to seize and apprehend the said John James, and bring him before this Council, that he may be dealt with according as to Right and Justice Appertains.

Council of Safety met.

Friday November 14th, 1777.

In Council of Safety.

Saturday November 15th, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

Ordered, That Ferguson McIlvaine be appointed Waggon Master of the County of Lancaster, and he is authorized and directed to nominate and appoint a suitable number of Deputies to make out a list of the Waggons in the said County.

In Council of Safety.

Sunday November 16th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble Vice President, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Serjeant, Dr. Gardner, Colo. Hart, Mr. Baily, Mr. Hambright, and Mr. Urie.

The Council took into consideration the representations made by the Inhabitants of the County of Westmoreland, Respecting the incursion made into that county by the Indians; and after some time spent in deliberation thereon; agreed, That it be referred for further consideration, as it appears that General Hand has taken the most proper measures for defending the frontiers to the Westward.

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In Council of Safety.

Monday November the 17th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Mr. Vice President, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Serjeant, Doctor Gardiner, Mr. Marshall, (the first time,) Mr. Arndt, Mr. Urie, and Mr. Hambright. Also, Mr. Baley.

In Council of Safety.

Tuesday November the 18th, 1777.

Present as yesterday, and Mr. Rittenhouse.

Application being made again by Major Ross for a further number of Waggons to remove stores, &c.

Ordered, That a Warrant be issued commanding the assistance of the civil officers to be aiding and assisting in procuring the said waggons out of the following Townships, Vizt:—Manheim, 7; Hempfield, 10; Manor, 10; Connestogo, 5; Lampeter, 8; Martick, 5; Sadsbury, 12; Denny, 6; London Derry, 6; Donegal, 6; Mountjoy, 6; Salisbury, 10—91.

In Council of Safety.

November 19, 1777.

Present as yesterday; also, Mr. Whitehill, Mr. President, and Mr. Rittenhouse.

Ordered, That Mr. Bayard, Mr. Urie, and Mr. Smith, be a Committee to confer with the Delegates of this State in Congress, on the subject of the Indian depredations on the frontiers.

Application being made by Colonel Davis for a number of Waggons to remove stores, &c.,

Ordered, That a warrant be issued, commanding the assistance of the civil officers in the counties of Cumberland and York to be aiding and assisting in procuring the said Waggons out of the following Townships, Vizt:

County of York—Mananghan, 2; Warrington, 6; Huntingdon, 6; Reading, 6; Dover, 3; Newberry, 6; Manchester, 6; Hallam, 4; Yorktownship, 4; Yorktown, 2; Hopewell, 2; Chanceford, 2; Fawn, 4; Shrewsberry, 4; Windsor, 6; Codorus, 6; Heidleberg, 6; Germany, 6; Paradise 6; Berwick, 4; Mountjoy, 3; Mountpleasant, 3; Straban, 3; Tyrone, 4; Manallin, 3; Cumberland, 3; Hamiltonban, 3; Manheim, 5—118.

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County of Cumberland.—East pennsborough, 12; Allen, 10; Middleton, 10; West pennsborough, 10; Newtown, 10; Hopewell, 10; Lurgan, 10; Letterkenny, 10; Guilford, 10; Hamilton, 10; Peters, 12; Antrim, 12—126.

In Council of Safety.

Thursday November 20th, 1777.

Present his Excellency the President, Hon'ble Vice President, Colonel Morgan, Doctor Gardiner, Mr. Baily, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Orndt, Mr. Edgar, Mr. Hambright, Mr. Whitehill.

On the application of Mr. John Mease of the Troop of light Horse of the City of Philadelphia, that 3 Waggons may be employed by him to Remove his household goods and effects from Trenton in New Jersey to Lancaster County in this State; The Council, in consideration of his spirited services in said Troop, and other good grounds, grant him their protection in the use of said three Waggons as aforesaid, and do forbid the impressing of them.

It appearing to Council that a certain Thomas Bulla (Son of Thomas Bulla) of Sadsbury Township, Chester County, has by writing endeavoured to discourage people from taking up arms in defence of this Country, and hath given false and injurious intelligence of Public affairs, and expressed the most violent enmity to the Cause of the United States, and the measures prosecuting by them; Whereupon a warrant was issued to Apprehend the said Thomas Bulla, and bring him before this Council, to be dealt with according to Law.

In Council of Safety.

FRIDAY November 21st, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Hon'ble Vice President, Colonel Morgan, Doctor Gardiner, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Orndt, Mr. Edgar, Mr. Hambright, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Henry.

The following Resolution of Congress, and order of the Board of War, was produced to Council by Mr. Henry:

"In Congress, November 18th, 1777.

"WHEREAS, Congress is informed that there is now in Yorktown a certain John Brown, who after the Enemy took possession

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of Philadelphia, came out of that City, as he says on private business, and obtained leave from our General to Pass into the Country; that after going through a part of this State he, the said John Brown, returned to Philadelphia, and is again come out without a Flag or pass from any General or other Officer in the service of the United States, pretending that he is charged with a Verbal message to Congress from General Howe: *And Whereas* such conduct administers Just grounds of Suspicion that he is employed by the Enemy for purposes inimical to these States:

"*Resolved*, That the Board of War cause the said John Brown to be arrested and sent under guard to the Executive Council of Pennsylvania, to be dealt with as they in their Wisdom may deem fit and proper."

"*Ordered*, By the Board of War, in Virtue of the above Resolve of Congress, that the said John Brown be delivered to the care of and Custody of William Henry, Esquire, one of the Council of the said State, who is to Conduct the said John Brown to the Hon'ble the Council, at Lancaster, to be dealt with agreeable to the said Resolution of Congress,

"By Order of the Board,

"RICHARD PETERS, Secretary.

"WAR OFFICE,
York, Nov'r 19th, 1777."

In Consequence of the foregoing resolution and order, the said John Brown was brought before Council, and after examination was committed to the common Jail of the County of Lancaster, for aiding & assisting the Enemies of this Commonwealth, and forming Combinations with them for betraying the United States into their hands.

Ordered, That the examination of John Brown be inserted in the Minutes of the Council, and is as follows:

The Examination of John Brown, late of Philadelphia:

"Who saith, that he left the City on the 4th of November, instant, in consequence of the application of Mr. Thomas Willing, who shewed this Examinant a note from General Howe, requesting to see him, (Mr. Willing,) that Mr. Willing told this examinant that General Howe desired to accommodate the difference, and prevent the effusion of human blood; that he and his brother had full power to treat with Congress, as Congress, or any Men they should Appoint, provided they would Rescind Independency; that he (General Howe) desired this to be made known to some Member of Congress, And Mr. Willing desired this Examinant to be the Messenger; that he (General Howe) would put them in the same State they were in 1763, and give them more priviledges than they had ever Asked; that he did not desire us to lay down Our Arms

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nor cease from our preparations 'till matters were accommodated; that upon such accommodation he would withdraw his Fleet and Army, and no Standing Army should be kept up in this Country; And that the paper Currency should be established: That some of these Articles, of which the last was one, were added upon Mr. Willing's Returning to General Howe, in Consequence of this Examinant's hesitating to come out without them, upon which this Examinant undertook the business, and engaged not to communicate his business to any person, until he should have first communicated it to some Member of Congress; that this Examinant passed the Schuylkill in consequence of a Passport from the Aid-de-Camp of General Howe; that he passed General Potter in the Evening without Communicating his business to him, or obtaining a pass from him, and travelled up to the house of Mr. Robert Morris, at Manheim, and there waited from Thursday evening to Saturday Evening following, for the Arrival of Mr. Morris, And when he Arrived communicated the matter first of all to him; that Mr. Morris then called in Mr. Duer, another Member of Congress, and these were the first persons to whom he revealed the business: And from Manheim he Returned to Lancaster, when he was first called before this Council, and Bailed by Mr. Morris and Mr. Duer, to go to York, and that he has communicated this business hitherto only to Mr. Morris, Mr. Duer, and now to the Members of this Council; but that he understood the matter had been mentioned by Mr. Morris and Mr. Duer, or one of them, to other members of Congress at York, and was there freely spoken of; but this Examinant was not called before the Congress, and that this Examinant had no Writing, or flag, or public testimonial, Relative to this business, from General Howe, or others in Philadelphia, except what passed by Word of Mouth between him and Mr. Willing, as herein before is mentioned and set forth. And this Examinant further adds, that he recollects Mr. Willing told him that General Howe assured him (Mr. Willing) that Great Britain would never give way to the Independence of North America; that more men would be out in the Spring, and they would Harrass our trade, so that we could not go on. Taken before me,

"JOHN BROWN.

"THO. WHARTON, Jun'r, President."

In Council of Safety.

SATURDAY Novem'r 22d, 1777.

Present, his Excellency the President, Hon'ble Vice President, Mr. Bailey, Colonel Morgan, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Orndt, Mr. Edgar, Mr. Serjeant, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Whitehill, Doctor Gardiner, Mr. Henry, Mr. Hambright.

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Ordered, That John Smith, a prisoner in the Jail of Lancaster, committed by Mr. Henry, for Seditious Speeches, &c., be discharged, he having testified Repentance, and the Justice being now satisfied that he may be set at liberty, on condition of his Marching to Camp with the Militia, as he offers to do.

In Council of Safety.

MONDAY Novem'r 24th, 1777.

Present, his Excellency the President, Hon'ble Vice President, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Urie, Col'l Morgan, Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Marshall, Col'l Bayard, Mr. Orndt, Doctor Gardiner, Mr. Serjeant.

Ordered, That the Examination of John Brown, taken before this Council the 21st instant, be published, with remarks thereon, & That Mr. Vice President, and Mr. Serjeant be appointed to make a draft of Remarks for the consideration of Council.

Ordered, That no person be admitted to converse with Jno. Brown, now a prisoner confined in the Jail of this County, without leave of some one Member of this Council.

In Council of Safety,

TUESDAY Novem'r 25th, 1777.

Present, his Excellency the President, Hon'ble Vice President, Mr. Orndt, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Mackey, Colonel Morgan, Mr. Urie, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Hambright.

Mr. Bayard and Mr. Urie, two of the Committee appointed 19th instant, to confer with the Delegates of this State in Congress on the subject of the depredations of the Indians on the frontiers, having produced a Letter from the President in closing a Resolution of Congress, which were Referred to the Hon'ble House of Assembly for their Consideration,

Ordered, That Ellis Pusey, Wm. Downing Gibbons, and ——— Brown, do attend this Council at twelve O'Clock this day.

On application of Mr. William Harris that a Waggon which may be employed by him to Remove his effects from Springfield, in Chester County, to Fredericktown, in Maryland, be not impressed,

Ordered, That said Waggon be not impressed while in this State, and in the Pay of said Harris.

Ordered, That Mr. Adam Kimmel be impowered to hire two Waggons for Public service, or impress them if he find necessary.

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Resolved, That Colonel William Dean, Dr. Archibald McClean, and Colonel George Smith, be added to the Commissioners appointed for the County of Philadelphia by an Ordinance of this Council the 21st October last, for seizing and securing the personal Estates of such persons as have Joined the Enemies of the United States of America.

The Committee appointed to made a draft of Remarks on the Examination of John Brown, Reported a draft, which was agreed to, and is as follows:

"The base Artifices of Tyrants are not less dangerous than their Arms; of this truth, the present Contest is one among a thousand examples. The British leaders have proved themselves alike bloody & deceitful. The faith of publick Proclamations, and even the words and sacred honour of their Chiefs in person, most solemnly plighted to Individuals for the protection of their property, have been violated. The misserable wretches starving in the Jails of New York and Philadelphia, were tempted to enlist with the Enemy by assurances that General Washington had Refused to Exchange them, when, in truth, General Howe had broke the Cortel which he had settled, and had eluded every offer he had afterwards made, as fast as they were Complied with on our part. But above all, the Repeated Attempts of our Enemies to seduce the people of this Country from their virtuous efforts by the false Ideas of peace and Reconciliation, which they never meant, are highly insidious and delusive.

The last year General Sullivan, then a Captive, was sent by Lord and General Howe from Long Island to Philadelphia, with very plausible terms, but when a Committee of Congress waited on the British Commissioners, they Receded from everything they had told him. The opportunity, however, was very diligently, for the double purpose of blasting our negotiations in Europe, by Assurances to foreign Courts that the Quarrels was settled, and of striving to debauch the minds of the Americans with the pretence that Congress was Averse to peace; thus at the very instant that their Emisaries were buzzing about in this Country, that Congress Refused to listen to the most Reasonable terms of Accommodation, Lord Stormont was very industriously pledging his honour to the Court of France that the Treaty was far Advanced if not finally Ratified. No sooner was the World undeceived on this head, than the attempt was Renewed through the means of the unfortunate General Lee; but still the Commissioners declined to pledge themselves for any thing. Nothing appears from them; nothing in writing is sent forward, but the Commissioners were left at liberty to Retract and deny everything as soon as they had answered the end of misleading the people here, and Amusing foreign nations. And now, lo: Mr. John Brown is employed to tell a Ridiculous tale of peace, and at the same time a large number of Emissaries are let loose to propagate the story through the State. Still nothing ap-

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pears in writing; a mere Verbal talk from Mr. Willing, that he (Mr. Willing) had had a talk with General Howe. Were we a tribe of Savages, this talk would at least be accompanied with a belt of Wampum, but to us, not even the slightest token was vouchsafed. The sole word of John Brown is again to gull us into a sham treaty, which is again to be spread throughout Europe, to defeat our most promising hopes from that Quarter, and again to deceive and mislead our own people, while his Excellency is again Ready to unsay all that he is pretended to have told Mr. Willing to tell John Brown, and to laugh at the mischief he has made. Friends and Countrymen, be not deceived. If Gen'l Howe has anything to propose to Congress, the way is oped to him thro' the usual Channels. He can send a flag of truce; he can write; he is under no necessity of sending out an obscure Body like a thief or a spy, to steal through our Camp, without passports, without Licence. He can send a flag of truce to desire General Washington to prevent the cutting of boulting Cloths; does the settling a treaty of peace require less ceremony? No; but a Message in writing by a flag of truce, is not so easily evaded. General Howe might be loth to deny his handwriting, tho' it seems, he has not hesitated to deny his word. France and Spain, are likely now to take a decisive part in our Quarrel; a few months perseverance will establish our liberty and Independence for ever, if we are not false to ourselves; if we are not driven to and fro, and deceived by every Idle Artifice of our perfidious enemies; trusting to Providence we may look forward with confidence to the hope of being speedily and forever delivered from the perfidy and Tyranny of Britain; from the bloody and Vindictive Malice of our cruel enemies.

In Council of Safety.

Wednesday Novem'r 26th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Mr. Mackey, Colonel Morgan, Mr. Hambright, Mr. Orndt, Mr. Urie, Colonel Hart, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Jonathan B. Smith.

It being Represented to Council, by Major George Ross, D. Q. Master General, that Jocob Stakes, Christian Bauchman, Peter Wetmer, Christian Hershey and Benjamin Miller, who were employed with their Waggons in public service, have not performed their Agreement,

Ordered, That the said Jacob Stakes, Christian Bauchman, Peter Wetmer, Christian Hershey and Benjamin Miller, appear before this Council to-morrow Morning, at Eleven O'Clock, to Answer the complaint of Major Ross.

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It being Represented to Council that Thomas Edwards, Manager of Colonel Grubb's Furnace, has gone into the field,

Ordered, That Hugh Lusk, who is now employed as Manager at Grubb's furnace, in Casting Salt Pans for the making of Salt, be permitted to continue at the said furnace until the said Salt pans be completed, and that he then proceed to Camp with all expedition, and Serve out his tour in the field.

WHEREAS, many Farmers and others inhabiting the Neighbourhood of Lancaster, have been deterred from supplying the Inhabitants with Wood and provisions, through fear of having their Waggons impressed; therefore,

Resolved, That no Waggons or Horses by which Wood or Provisions shall be brought to Market in the Borough of Lancaster, shall be seized or liable to be impressed, coming to or going from Market.

In Council of Safety.

THURSDAY, Novem'r 27th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Mr. Mackey, Colonel Morgan, Mr. Hambright, Mr. Orndt, Mr. Urie, Colonel Hart, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Jonathan B. Smith..

Resolved, That the Lieutenant and Sub-Lieutenants of Bedford County be Authorized and impowered to Raise a Company of Men out of the Militia, to Guard the frontiers of said County, and Escort Provisions, &c.

In Council of Safety.

Friday Novem'r 28th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Mr. Hambright, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Orndt, Mr. Urie, Colonel Hart, Colo. Morgan, Mr. Serjeant, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Jonathan B. Smith.

Council having been Repeatedly informed that the troops Raised by this State, are not so well Cloathed as the other troops in Camp,

Resolved, That Colo. Bayard and James Young, Esquire, be directed to proceed to head Quarters, and confer with his Excellency General Washington on the subject; these Gentlemen are to notice as the great inducements to Council to interfere in this instance, the Reproaches brought on this State by the bad appearance and

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suffering of their troops, and the great discouragement to the Recruiting service. They are also to remind his Excellency that, by our order, a collection of Cloathing for the Army is now making in this State, which they hope will be to a considerable effect, and that we have ordered it into the hands of the Clothier General's Deputy at Camp; But that under the informations Received, and the evil consequences they apprehend therefrom to the service in general, the Council have thought it their duty to direct them to inquire particularly into the Real circumstances of the Pennsylvania battalions with Respect to cloathing, and Report thereon to this Council; And in the mean time to Represent to his Excellency the most earnest Request of Council, that as great a proportion of the Cloathing collected in this State for the Army as may consist with the General Service, be Appropriated to the Battalions Raised therein. Council being also informed by a letter laid before them this Day by Commissary Magee, that the Army is in great danger of suffering for want of Flour, do further direct the said Colonel Bayard & James Young, Esquire, to make inquiry into that matter, and if they find a scarcity of that Article, or any other provisions, to Arise from any Circumstances in the power of the Council to prevent, that in that case the said Gentlemen be vested with full power and Authority to take such measures as to them shall Appear to be necessary and effectual; & that they communicate this Resolution to his Excellency, and in particular Recommend to his consideration the propriety of employing some of the Militia of this State to thresh out the Grain of such persons as Refuse to do it themselves.

In Council of Safety.

SATURDAY Novem'r 29th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Colo. Morgan, Colonel Hart, Mr. Urie, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Smith, Mr. Orndt, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Hambright, Mr. Rittenhouse.

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In Council of Safety.

MONDAY Decem'r 1st, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Colonel Hart, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Smith, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Orndt, Mr. Urie, Mr. Scott, Mr. Henry

On motion,

Ordered, That a certain Doctor Shannon, who is known to have conducted the Enemy on their way to Philadelphia, be Arrested and sent under a Guard to this Council.

In Council of Safety.

TUESDAY, December 2d, 1777.

Present as Yesterday.

In Council of Safety.

WEDNESDAY Decem'r 3d, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Mr. Bailey, Colonel Hart, Colonel Morgan, Mr. Urie, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Henry.

In Council of Safety.

THURSDAY Decem'r 4th, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President, Colonel Hart, Colonel Morgan, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Scott, Mr. Orndt, Mr. Urie, Mr. Smith, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That the Commissioners appointed by an Ordinance of this Council of the eighth day of November last, to collect Arms, blankets and cloathing, be empowered to appoint Assistants, and to use force where it may be necessary; And all Officers, Civil and Military & others, are required and Commanded to Aid and Assist them in the execution of the premises, and the said Commissioners are empowered to allow Reasonable wages to their Assistants during the time they shall be so employed.

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The following proclamation of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, for dissolving the Council of Safety, was omitted in the proceedings of the executive Council, and is found Among the proceedings of the Council of Safety.

"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, by an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, made and passed at Lancaster, the 13th October, 1777, entitled "An Act for Constituting a Council of Safety, and vesting the same with the powers therein mentioned," It is Enacted that the Members of the Supreme Executive Council of this State, together with John Bayard, &c., should be constituted a Council of Safety, with the powers and for the purposes in and by the said Act particularly mentioned and declared: *And whereas*, in and by the same Act of Assembly it is further enacted, that the Supreme Executive Council of this State might at any time during the powers and Authorities thereby granted by Proclamation or other publick Act, Renounce, determine and extinguish the same, and every part thereof; And that, thereupon, the said powers,& every of them, should cease and become void, and be no longer exercised or enforced: *And whereas*, by the blessing of Heaven, the progress of the Enemy hath been Restrained, in so much that the Elections for Members of Assembly have in most parts of the Commonwealth been Regularly held, and the Ordinary powers of Government are at full and free liberty to proceed in their usual course, whereby the designs of the Legislature in framing the said Act are now at an end: We, therefore, the said Executive Council, do hereby make known to all persons whatsoever, that all and every the powers and Authorities by the said Act granted to the said Council of Safety, are extinguished and determined, and that the same and every part thereof, shall from henceforth cease and become void, and be no longer exercised or enforced.

"Given at Lancaster this 6th day of December, 1777.

"By Order of Council.

"THO'S WHARTON, Presid't.

"Attest—TIM'Y MATLACK, Sec'y."

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THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday October 18, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, & } Esq'rs.
John Bailey, Joseph Hart, }

Ordered, That John Morris, jun'r, Esq'r, be appointed & authorized to attend the next Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Counties of York & Cumberland, & there prosecute in behalf of this Commonwealth.

An order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Major Wirtz, for the Sum of Fifty-five Pounds, for a Horse bought for an Express.

Ordered, That Michael Immel be close confined until further orders from this Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of James Old, Esq'r, for the Sum of One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, payable in Ten days from the date hereof, & to be charged to him.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Monday October 20, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y, THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, & } Esqr's.
John Bailey, }

Capt. Joshua Williams attended the Council & complained that he had applied Will'm Lees, Esq'r, of the County of York, & requested him to hear a complaint against Stephen Foulke, who was there arrested by Warrant, on information of his having concealed divers Deserters belonging to Capt. Williams, but that the said Will'm Lees, Esq'r, positively refused to hear the said complaint,

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& permitted the said Steph'n Foulke to return home, & had also imprisoned Capt. Williams' evidence, on the the charge of his being a Deserter, as alledged by the said Steph'n Foulke.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Benja. Blyth, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to be charged to John Crothers, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the said County, it being for the purpose of Paying Substitutes & purchasing blankets, for which he is to account.

Dan'l Levan, jun'r, Sheriff of the County of Berks, laid before the Council returns of the Election of the said County, & the returns are as follows, to Wit: For Representatives of the said County, James Reede, Adam Whitman, Benja. Spyker, Sebastian Levan, Dan'l Hunter, & Baltzer Gehr ——— Commissioner, John Kerlin; Assessors, John Hartman, Mich'l Forree, John Robinson, John Egnar, George Kelchner, & Joseph Sands; Sheriffs, Dan'l Levan, jun'r, & John Rice; Coroners, Philip Kreamer, & James Whitehead.

Ordered, That Dan'l Levan, jun'r, be appointed & commissioned to be Sheriff of the County of Berks. Dan'l Levan, jun'r, offers Isaac Levan, sen'r, & Isaac Levan, jun'r, as sureties for the faithful performance of the said Office, which is approved of.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday October 21, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart, &

Abram Morrow, Gun Smith, of the County of Cumberland, laid before the Council a Certificate relating to his having supplied a number of Arms for the use of the State.

Ordered, That the Lieut. of the said County do attend to the setling the said Morrow's accounts, & pay him the Money which shall appear to be due to him.

Ordered, That the Lieut. of the County of Cumberland do settle with & Pay the inhabitants of that County for such Arms as they have furnished for the use of the Public & not returned to the Owners, & receive & keep such Arms for the use of the State.

Ordered, That a Captain's Commission be made out for Mr. Joshua Williams, agreeable to encouragement given him August 28 last, and That a Lieutenant's Commission be made out to Mr. Alxa. Ramsay, as Lieutenant of the said Company.

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An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Capt. Joshua Williams, for the Sum of Four hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Hart, for three Pounds Ten Shillings, for Seven days' Horse hire on Public Business.

The Petition of John Swanwick, praying that the Cows, Oxen, Horses, & Negroes, seiz'd as the property of his Father, may be returned to his Mother's farm, she giving ample security that they shall not be moved from thence, &ca; & that such of his Father's papers as may relate to his transactions & connections in France, England, &ca, & have no connections with politics or the present War, & that such other Articles as will on examination be found immediately requisite to his Mother's sustenance & farm, entering into like engagements as aforesaid, being read & considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted, on Security being given to the value of such Articles as the Petitioner of his friend may Choose to take into their hands, to be accounted for on demand.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday October 22, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon. GEORGE BRYAN. Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Bailey, & Jonathan Hoge, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Isaac Milchoir, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday October 23, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Bailey, & Jonathan Hoge, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,

Ordered, That the following Classes of the Militia of this State be immediately called out, viz't: "Of Philadelphia County the

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Seventh & Eight; of Bucks County the Sixth & Seventh; of Chester County the Sixth & Seventh; of Lancaster County the sixth & seventh; of York County the fourth & fifth; of Cumberland County, the third & fourth; of Berks County the Sixth & Seventh; of Northumberland County the third & fourth; of Northampton County the fifth & sixth; and that orders be sent to the several Lieutenants accordingly; The Eighth of Lancaster also ordered, & others conditionally."

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday October 24, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Bailey, & Jonathan Hoge, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,

Colo. Cheny & Colo. Gibbons, having written to the Council representing Jonathan Hunter & George Hunter, who are now confined in the Goal of this County on a Suspicion of their being unfriendly to this State & attached to the King of Great Britain, "representing them as illiterate Men, closely attached to their Interest, never known to be active in Public Affairs," & that they "cannot suppose that they have done any thing to aid or abet the Enemy, but that the Reason of their going to Philadelphia was to obtain Pay for Cattle & Horses that the Enemy had taken from them," & that "they are considerable sufferers by the State also;"

On consideration,

Ordered, That Jonathan Hunter & Geo. Hunter, now Confined in the Goal of this County on a suspicion of their having supplied the Enemy with Provisions, be enlarged, on their producing Certificates of their having taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to this State, as required by Law, and giving security in the Sum of five hundred Pounds for their good behaviour for one year, & appearance to answer, &ca, at such time & place as they shall be lawfully called upon to answer the said charge against them.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Bailey, & Jonathan Hoge, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,

Ordered, That Jacob Howell be sent to Red Bank with Money for the Navy Board from the Treasurer.

Ordered, That Mr. Jacob S. Howell be authorised & empowered to borrow, if he finds it necessary for the immediate use of the Navy, any Sum of Money not exceeding Ten thousand Dollars, which this Council will Pay to the Lenders in a very short time.

Ordered, That Commodore Hazelwood be authorised & empowered to seize & take the necessary Provisions for the Fleet under his Command, where it may be found in this State, giving to the Owners Certificates for the same, which shall be paid for at rates hereafter to be fixed by this Council; And all Magistrates & Civil Officers are hereby required to aid & assist Commodore Hazelwood herein.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday October 28, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, } Esq'rs.
John Bailey, &

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Clarke, Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Cumberland, for the Sum of One thousand One hundred & Sixty-three Pounds & nineteen Shillings, being the Amount of the Rations of Rum due to the first Class of Cumberland Militia to the Twelfth instant, as signed by Gen'l Potter.

WHEREAS, John Temple, of the County of Chester, was some time ago taken up on suspicion of being an Enemy to the Cause of America, & Committed to the Goal of this County, but no mittimus has been sent to the Sheriff or Goaler to keep the said John Temple until he shall be further examined; thereupon,

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Ordered, That a mittimus be now issued & sent to the Goaler, directing him safely to keep the said John Temple until he shall be further examined concerning the said charge.

The Council having received information of the four Pound Bills of Credit of this State, now Current, have (by mistake of the Printer) on their backs the impression intended for the Bills of Credit of Forty Shillings, & that a Number of Bills of Credit of Forty Shillings have on their backs the impression intended for the backs of the Four Pound Bills; And as the continueing to circulate the said Bills may be attended with many disadvantages to the State; therefore,

Ordered, That a Proclamation be immediately issued requiring all persons possessed of Bills of Credit, so as aforesaid differing in the denomination on the back & front, to bring them in to the Treasurer, & receive from him the value expressed on the front of the said Bills.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday October 29, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, John Bailey, & } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Mich'l Lindt, for repairing the Court House for the use of the Assembly & Council, for the Sum of five pounds eighteen shillings.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday October 30, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, John Bailey, & } Esq'rs.

A return of the General Election of the County of Bedford was laid before the Board & read, by which it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected, to Wit:

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Councellor—Thomas Urie.

Representatives—Harman Husband, Chas. Cisna, Will'm McComb, John Burd, John Stevenson, & John Stewert.

Commissioner—James Martin.

Assessors—Wm. Montgomery, Sam'l Moore, Tho's Ferguson, Jas. Little, Hugh Orlton, & Dan'l McConnell.

Sheriffs—John Cessna & Francis Clugage.

Coroners—Cornelius Aulay & John Moore.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That John Cessna be appointed Sheriff of the County of Bedford, & Gideon Richey, Abram Miley, Rob't Bradshaw, & Reynard Woolfe, being offered to this Council as surety for the said John Cessna, his performing the Duties of his Office faithfully, according to Law.

Ordered, That the said Gideon Richey, Abram Miley, Rob't Bradshaw, & Reynard Woolfe, or any two of them, be taken & admitted as surety for the said John Cessna as Sheriff, according to Law.

Ordered, That Cornelius Auley be appointed Coroner of the County of Bedford.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday October 31, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, John Bailey, & } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Stephen Sutton, for Eighteen Pounds fifteen Shillings, for his service for riding Express.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Novem. 1, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, John Bailey, & } Esq'rs.

The Petition of divers Gunstockers, employed in the State Factory, praying an increase of their Wages, &ca, was read;

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Ordered, That Mr. Benja. Rittenhouse & Peter Dehaven take the Case of the Petitioners into their consideration, & allow them such reasonable Pay as the alteration of times shall appear to render just and necessary, they being fully competent to this business.

Henry Dehuff, Esq'r, elected chief Burges of the Borough of Lancaster, appeared before the Council & took the Affirmations required by Law to qualify him for the execution of the said Office.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday Novem. 8, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan, Jonathan Hoge, John Bailey, & } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Mich'l Reinhart, for the Sum of Thirty-two Pounds & five Shillings, for riding Express.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday Novem. 4, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y, THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Hambright, & John Bailey, Jas. Edgar, Jonathan Hoge, } Esq'rs.

The Petitition of John Rice, a Prisoner, convicted of Felony, and adjudged to suffer Corporal Punishment & pay a fine of Thirty Pounds, was read; in which Petition it is set forth, that the Petitioner had suffered the Corporal Punishment, but was unable to Pay the fine, & praying that he may be enlarged; And Will'm Henry & Mich'l Hubley having recommended the said petitioner as an object of Charity, & informed the Council that he is a Soldier belonging to one of the Maryland Battalions; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner's fine be remitted, & that he be delivered to an Officer of the Maryland Battalion to which he belongs.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Novem. 5, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Bailey, Jonathan Hoge, John Hambright, & Jas. Edgar, } Esq'rs.

Ordered, That Peter Dehaven deliver to Colo. Galbraith what Arms are now in his hands fit for service.

The Hon'ble David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, laid before the Council an order drawn on him by Will'm Bradford, in favor of Colo. Bayard, for the Sum of Two hundred & fifty Pounds;

Ordered, That the same be paid, & charged to the Navy Board of this State.

The Returns of an Election for the County of Northampton being now made & considered, by which it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected, to Wit:

Councellor—Jacob Arndt.

Representatives—Peter Burkholder, John Ralston, Simon Driesback, John Vancampen, & Peter Rhodes.

Sheriff—John Jennings.

Coroner—Jesse Jones.

Ordered, That John Jennings, Esq'r, elect, be appointed Sheriff for the County of Northampton, and John Jennings offers Dav'd Deshler and Philip Boehm, Jun'r, as sureties for the faithful performance of the Duties of his Office as Sheriff, & the same are approved.

The Justices of the County of Cumberland having recommended George Stephenson, John Agnew & Capt. John Byers, as persons qualified to act as Clerks of the Peace of the said County,

Ordered, That John Agnew, Esq'r, be appointed Clerk of the Peace of the County of Cumberland.

Ordered, That Colo. Dyaykinck, now at Easton, be immediately brought Prisoner to this Borough, here to continue until Congress shall otherwise order.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Novem. 6, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice-President.

Jacob Morgan, John Hambright, & Ja's Edgar, } Esq'rs.
John Bailey,
Jonathan Hoge,

Resolved, That Will'm Bradford be appointed Paymaster of the Pennsylvania State Navy.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse. Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of the Hon'ble Jonathan Hoge, Esq'r, for the Sum of Sixty-eight Pounds Two Shillings & six pence, for fifty-three days attendance in Council, & Mileage on forty-five Miles.

Ordered, That Jacob Cauffman's waggons, said to be impressed while employed in bringing Wood to the Borough, be immediately discharged.

Felix M'Carkey laid before the Council a receipt from William Henry, Esq'r, for Six hundred & thirty-eight Stand of Arms, brought by him from Bethlehem to be tried and repaired.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday Novem. 7, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Bailey, John Hambright, & Ja's Edgar, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of this State, in favor of Colo. Clarke, Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Cumberland, for the Sum Two thousand Pounds, to be charged to the Paymaster of the State Militia.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Mr. Peter Dehaven, or his order, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The Council taking into consideration the Election of the County of Cumberland, by which it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly Elected, to Wit:

Representatives—Will'm Duffield, Jas. M'Clean, Will'm Clark, James Brown, Rob't Whitehill & John Harris.

Sheriffs—James Johnson & Will'm Brown.

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Coroners—John Martin & Mathew Laird.

Commissioner—John Andrew.

Assessors—James Lyon, Will'm M'Clune, Will'm Finley, James M'Kee, James Laird, George Robinson, Mill.

Ordered, That Jas. Johnston be appointed Sheriff, & John Martin be appointed Coroner for said County of Cumberland, Sam'l Finley, John Boggs and Thomas Johnston, being offered by the said James Johnston sureties for his faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Sheriff of the County of Cumberland, the same or any two of them, were approved by the Council.

The Hon'ble James Edgar, Jacob Arndt & the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, took the Oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them respectively to act as Councellors, & took their Seats in Council accordingly.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Will'm Henry, Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, for the purpose of Paying Substitutes & purchasing Blankets, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Novem. 8, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jas. Edgar, & Jacob Morgan, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs. John Hambright,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Cunningham, or his order, for the Sum of Eighteen Pounds, for John Cruikshanks riding express.

The Council taking into consideration the return of the Elections for the County of Northumberland, viz:

Councellor—John Hambright.

Representatives—Sam'l Deal, Rob't Fruit, Jas. Murray, Will'm Irwin, Simon Hemrod & Rob't Fleming.

Sheriffs—Jonathan Lodge & Peter Hosterman.

Coroners—Jas. M'Mahan & Archibald Simpson.

Ordered, That Jonathan Lodge be appointed Sheriff of the said County of Northumberland, the following Gentlemen being mentioned to Council as sureties for Jonathan Lodge, Esq'r, faithful performance of the duties of the Office of Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, Viz:

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Samuel Hunter, Rob't Martin, Laughlin M'Cartney, John Simpson, Archibald Simpson, John Morrow, Will'm Morrow, Tho's Hewitt, Walter Clark & John Lowdan, & the Council approve of them or any two of them.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State, in favor of the Hon'ble John Bailey, Esq'r, for the Sum of One hundred & thirty-four Pounds eleven Shillings & Eight Pence, for One hundred & five days attendance, & Mileage for Eighty Miles.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favor of Philip Marstiller, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of this County, for the Sum of Two thousand five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday Novem. 10, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jacob Morgan, John Hambright, James Edgar, & Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.

Francis Bailey of this Borough being now appointed Coroner of the County of Lancaster, appeared & took the Affirmation required by law to qualify him to act in the said office.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster General of the Militia, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday Novem. 11, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jacob Morgan, John Hambright, Jas. Edgar, & Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Dan'l Evans, for the Sum of Thirty-Two Pounds & seven Shillings, for Iron work done by him for the State.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Novem 12, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, }

The Hon'ble the Continental Congress, having recommended the setting apart Thursday the Eighteenth day of December next for Solemn thanksgiving & praise, & this Council having duly weighed the importance of this duty, do in the following words, recommend it to the people of this Commonwealth, Viz:

"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"A PROCLAMATION:

"WHEREAS, The Hon'ble the Continental Congress have recommended in the following words, to Wit:

"*Forasmuch* as it is the indispensable duty of all Men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty God, to acknowledge with gratitude their obligations to him for benefits received, & to implore such further obligations as they stand in need of; And it having pleased him in his abundant Mercy, not only to continue to us the inumerable blessings of his Common Providence, but also to smile upon us in the prosecution of a just & necessary War, for the defence & establishment of our unalienable rights & liberties, particularly in that he hath been pleased in so great a manner to prosper the means used for the support of our Troops, & to Crown our Arms with most signal success; it is therefore, recommended to the Legislative or Executive Powers of these United States, to set apart Thursday the Eighteen day of December next, for Solemn thanksgiving & praise, that at one time & with one voice, the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts, & consecrate themselves to the service of their divine benefactor, & that together with their sincere acknowledgments and offerings, they may join the penitent confession of their manifold sins, whereby they had forfeited every favor, & their humble & earnest supplication, that it may please God, through the merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive & blot them out of his remembrance; that it may please him graciously to afford his blessings on the Government of these States respectively & prosper the Councils of the whole;

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to inspire our Commanders both by land & Sea, & all under them, with that wisdom & fortitude which may render them fit instruments under the Providence of Almighty God, to secure for these States the greatest of all human blessings, independence & peace; that it may please him to prosper the Trade & manufactures of the people, & the labor of the husbandman, that our land may yet yield its increase; To take Schools & Seminaries of Education, so necessary for Cultivating the principles of true liberty, virtue and piety, under his nurtering hand, & to prosper the means of Religion, for the promotion & enlargement of that Kingdom which consisteth in righteousness, peace & joy, in the Holy Ghost. And it is further recommended, that Servile labor, & such recreations as, tho' at other times innocent, may be unbecoming the purpose of this appointment, may be omitted on so solemn an occasion. We therefore, do hereby call upon the good people of this Commonwealth, to set apart Thursday the Eighteenth day of December next, for the purpose of Solemn thanksgiving and praise.

"By order of Council,

"THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

"Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH."

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Novem. 13, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, James Edgar, John Hambright, & Jacob Arnt, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Rob't Smith, Lieu't of the County of Chester, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, for the purpose of purchasing Blankets, &ca., for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday Novem. 14, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice-President.

Jacob Morgan, James Edgar, Thomas Urie, & John Bailey, } Esq'rs.

Ordered, That the Pay of the County Waggon Master, be Twenty-two Shillings & Six Pence ℔ Day, & the Pay of the Deputy Waggon Masters be Twenty Shillings ℔ day for every day. in actual Specie.

Colo. Davis reports that John Temple, now a prisoner in the Goal of this County, had given Security to appear & answer, &ca., at the Court of Quarter Sessions in the County of Chester, & that the said Temple has took the Oath of Allegiance to the State. (Bond in Colo. Davis's hand.)

Ordered, That John Temple, now in the Goal of this County, be enlarged, he having taken the Oath of Allegiance & given Security for good behaviour, &c. Mr. Matt'w Irwin, Quarter-Master of Militia, laid before the Council his proceedings in that office, & proposed that the Brigade Quarter-Master be allowed Major's Pay & Rations, they acting at the same time as Commissaries of Military Stores.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Brigade Quarter-Masters, who act as Commissaries of Military Stores in the Militia of this State, be allowed Major's pay & Rations.

The Council taking into consideration the return of the Election for the County of York; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Will'm Rowan be appointed Sheriff of the County of York, & that Joseph Adlum be appointed Coroner of the said County of York.

A Return of the General Election for the County of York is as follows, viz't: Councellor, James Edgar, Esq'r; Representatives, Matthew Dill, James Dixon, John Agnew, John Orr, Mich'l Hahn & Dav'd Dunwoody; Sheriffs, Will'm Rowan & Will'm Scott; Coroners, Joseph Adlum & David Candler; Commissioner, Will'm Mitchell; Assessors, John Sample, Jacob Eichelberger, Thomas Lilly, Will'm Adams, Joseph Chambers & Lewis Williams.

Tho's Urie, Councellor of the County of Bedford, appeared & took the Oaths required by the Constitution to Qualify him to act as Councellor, he swearing with an uplifted hand, and took his seat accordingly.

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A return of the General Election for the County of Bucks was laid before the Board & read, by which it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected, to-Wit: Representatives, John Keller, Will'm Cornel, Joseph Kirkbride, Arthur Watts, John Folwell & Matt'w Greer; Sheriffs, John Thompson & George Wall; Coroners, Benja. Fell & Rob't Ramsay; Commissioners, Jas Morgan; Assessors, John Krewson, John Sample, Benja. Seigle, Tho's Folwell, Will'm Means & Joseph Thomas.

Ordered, That John Thompson be appointed Sheriff of the County of Bucks, & that Benja. Fell be appointed Coroner of the said County of Bucks.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Novem. 15, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Urie, &	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	John Bailey,	

Thomas Jordan being recommended by Gen'l Potter, as a suitable person for Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Northumberland; thereupon,

Ordered, That Thomas Jordan be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Northumberland.

Ordered, That John Lacey be appointed one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Bucks, in the room & stead of James Wallace, (deceased,) And that Andrew Long be appointed one of the Justices of the said County of Bucks, in addition to the number of Justices already appointed for the same.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday Novem. 17, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,	John Hambright, &	Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,	Thomas Urie,	

It appearing to this Council, on the oath of Rob't Galbraith, Esq'r, & Will'm Parker, Esq'r, that Thomas Smith, Esq'r, late

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Prothonotary of the County of Bedford, hath been duly required & summoned by a demand in writing, to deliver up the Seals, Papers, Books & Records belonging to, or in use in the said Office, to the said Rob't Galbraith, who hath been appointed by this Council to the said Office, which demand the said Thomas Smith hath refused to comply with; therefore,

Ordered, That the said Thomas Smith, Esq'r, be Arrested & Confined in the Goal of the said County of Bedford, according to Law.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday, Novem. 18, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, John Hambright, & Jacob Arndt, Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

The Council taking into consideration the return of the Election for the County of Westmorland, vizt:

A Return of the General Election for the County of Westmorland, is as follows, vizt:

Councellor, Thomas Scott; Representatives, James Smith, John Carmichael, Thomas Galbraith, Dav'd Sample, Christ'r Hays & John Shield, Esquires; Sheriffs, Will'm Perry & John Giffen; Coroners, Will'm Waddell & Sam'l Slone; Assessors, James Moore, George Glenn, John Niesbit, Isaac Wilson, Thomas Fisher & James Beard; Commissioner, George Reading.

Ordered, That Will'm Perry be appointed Sheriff of the said County, & that Will'm Waddell be appointed Coroner of the said County of Westmorland.

Will'm Perry now appointed Sheriff of the County of Westmorland, offered John Perry & Charles Ferman, Esquires, of the said Counties as Sureties, for his due performance of the said Office, which the Council approve of.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday, Novem. 19, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jacob Morgan, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of James Davidson, Esq'r, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be applied for the use of the Salt Works, & for which he is to be accountable.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Capt. Thomas Dorsey, Paymaster of Militia, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Peter Bollinger, for the Sum of Six Pounds & Eight Shillings, for services done the Council.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Novem. 20, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Bailey, & Jacob Arnd, James Edgar, } Esq'rs.

James Reed & Rob't Whitehill, Esq'rs, waited on the Council & acquainted them the Assembly had made a House, & proposed to proceed to the Choice of a President & Vice President of the Council, at such time as should be convenient; whereupon the President proposed to-morrow forenoon, at 11 O'Clock, as a proper time for Council to join the Assembly in said Business.

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The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Friday Novem. 21, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Hambright,
Jacob Arndt, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
John Bailey, John Mackey,

John Mackey, Esq'r, Councellor Elect for the County of Chester, attended in Council, & having taken the Oath required by the Constitution to qualify him for said Office, took his seat accordingly.

His Excellency the President & the Members of Council, joined the House of Assembly, agreeable to the appointment of yesterday, in Electing a President & Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council of this Commonwealth for the ensuing Year.

The Council being again apart, the President reports that Thom-Wharton, jun'r, Esq'r, was duly Elected President, & George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President, Accordingly.

Will'm Rowon, Esq'r, appointed Sheriff of the County of York, offered John Finley & Matthew McCall of said County, as sureties for the due performance of said Office, which the Council approve of.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Novem. 22, 1777

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey, Jacob Arndt,
Jacob Morgan, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
John Mackey, John Hambright,

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday Novem. 24, 1777

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,	Jacob Arndt, &	Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,	Tho's Urie,	
John Mackey,		

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Henry Davis, for Three Pounds four Shillings & Eleven Pence, for two days riding express.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday Novem. 25, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Arndt,	Jacob Morgan,	Esq'rs.
John Bailey,	Thomas Urie, &	
Jacob Mackey,	John Hambright,	

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Novem. 26, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John McKay,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Urie, &	
John Hambright,	Joseph Hart,	

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster General of the Militia, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Novem. 27, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan,	John Mackey,	Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,	Thomas Urie, &	
Jacob Arndt,	John Hambright,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. John Piper, Lieutenant of the County of Bedford, for the Sum of three hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

Application being made by Will'm Perry, Esq'r, Sheriff of Westmoreland County, for the Loan of a Sum of Money to purchase Salt for the inhabitants of the said County,

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for Five hundred Pounds for said purpose, provided John Shelds and John Carmichael be security that said Sum be paid into the hands of Archibald Lochry, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the said County, & that the Salt when purchased, be equally distributed among such of the inhabitants of the County aforesaid, as have taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the State.

Agreeable to the Foregoing Resolve,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Perry, Esq'r, for Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to Arch'd Lockry, Esq'r, Lieut. of the County of Westmorland.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday Novem. 28, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

John Hambright,	Thomas Urie,	Esq'rs.
John Mackey,	Joseph Hart, &	
Jacob Arndt,	Jacob Morgan,	

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Capt. Tho's Dorsey, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Novem. 29, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan,	John Hambright,	Esq'rs.
Tho's Urie,	Thomas Scott, &	
Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	
John Mackey,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Ja's Young, Esq'r, for the Sum of Eighty Pounds, to be charged to the said James Young, Esq'r, until it can be transfered.

Thomas Scott, Esq'r, Councellor Elect for the County of Westmorland, attended in Council, & having taken the Oath required by the Constitution of this State to qualify him to act in said Office, took his seat accordingly.

John Thompson, Esq'r, appointed Sheriff of the County of Bucks, & Benja. Fell, appointed Coroner of the said County; John Thompson offered Henry Wynkoop, Joseph Sackett, Esq'r, & Gradus Wynkoop, Yeoman of this County, as sureties for the due performance of his Office as Sheriff, which the Council approve of.

Council received from the Assembly an order, setting forth the appointment of George Stewart, Esq'r, to be Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland, of which the Council approve.

Ordered, That a Commission be made out accordingly.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of Mich'l Reinhart, for Twenty Two Pounds Ten Shillings, for ten days Riding Express.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday December 1, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott, &	Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,	John Hambright,	
Thomas Urie,		

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Thomas Dorsey, Esq'r, Pay Master General of the Militia, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

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His Excell'y Thomas Wharton, jun'r, Esq'r, President, laid before the Council a Letter from Henry Laurens, Esq'r, President of Congress, inclosing a Copy of the Confederation, which is to be sent to the different States for their approbation; and after being read, was referred to the Hon'ble House of Assembly for their consideration.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Mr. Peter Dehaven, for Five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Burd, for furnishing Two hundred & Sixty Two Rations, at One Shilling per Ration, to Colo. Piper's Battalion, of the second of January last, to be charged to Congress.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Decem. 3, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Morgan,	Esq'rs.
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Ardnt, &	
Thomas Scott,	John Hambright.	

Council received from the Assembly an order, setting forth the appointment of Tho's Urie, jun'r, & Will'm Halliday, jun'r, Esq'rs, of the County of Bedford, & Will'm Cochran, Esq'r, of the County of Westmorland, to be Sub-Lieutenants of the said Counties respectively.

Ordered, That Commissions be made out for them accordingly.

Ordered, That Will'm M. Henry & John Ball, Esq'rs, be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Bucks.

The Council met.

LANCASTER Thursday Decem. 4, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,	Jacob Arndt, &	
John Bailey,	Thomas Urie,	

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Capt. Joseph Potts, for One thousand Pounds,

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to be charged to Colo. Smith, Lieutenant of the County of Chester, for the purpose of purchasing Blankets, Paying Substitutes, &c., for which Sum he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday December 5, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Scott, & Jacob Arndt. } Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,
John Bailey,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Tho's Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster General of the Militia of the State of Pennsylvania, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

It being represented to Council, by Will'm Henry, Esq'r, that the following Men can be usefully employed in making Arms for the use of the State, viz: Henry Gingerich, John Eberly, Christian Oberholtzer, Henry Myer, Caspar Halburn, Adam Deterer, Mich'l DeReiner, & George Radfang; it is therefore,

Ordered, By the Executive Council that the above named Persons be excused from going to Camp, provided they continue in the employ, under the direction of the said Will'm Henry, Esq'r, upon such terms as he may think reasonable.

Ordered, That John Jordan be appointed Waggon Master of the County of Lancaster, in the room of Ferdinand M'Elvain, and he is authorized & directed to nominate a suitable number of Deputies to make out a list of waggons in the said County, & to take order that the Waggons employed from time to time in the public service, perform their duty in their turn, & to proceed therein agreeable to such directions as he shall from time to time receive from this Council.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Decem. 6, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Tho's Scott,
John Bailey, John Hambright. } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

Upon representation of Mr. Adam Kimmel, that one of the Waggons which he had impressed by virtue of a Warrant from this Council, has been rescued from him by Jacob Keller, George Adam France, Dav'd Menser, Sam'l Bowman & Henry Brental, in defiance of the said Warrant; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Sheriff apprehend the said persons, & bring them before this Council, and that a warrant issue for that purpose.

On motion,

Ordered, That a Circular Letter be written to the Lieutenants of the several Counties, to exert themselves in Collecting the Fines due from Delinquents, & remit the same to the Treasurer, and likewise to send forward returns of all the Militia in the several Counties, who have from time to time turned out in the several Classes.

The Council took into consideration the Memorial of Benja. Wallace, setting forth that his brother, Mich'l Wallace, had been put under Guard, by order of Col. Boyd, of Pequea, & had been threatened to be Marched to Camp for this reason, that he, Mich'l Wallace had obtained a warrant for a substitute, in the said Colo. Boyd's Battalion, for abuse.

Ordered, That the said Mich'l Wallace be discharged from his confinement.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday Decem 8, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan, John Hambright,
John Bailey, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.
Thomas Scott, Thomas Urie,

His Excell'y, the President, laid before the Council a Letter from Henry Laurens, Esq'r, inclosing two Resolves of Congress,

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one of them recommending it to the Legislatures of the several States to enact Laws for the Calling in the Old Bills of Credit, struck under the authority and sanction of the King of Great Britain, & the other recommending to the Legislatures of this State to repeal the clause in the Militia Law which permits the hireing of substitutes.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Capt. Ja's Francis Moore, for One hundred Pounds, in part of his Account, to be charged to Jacob S. Howell, to be by him charged to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment late of this State, and now Commanded by Colonel Stewart.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday Decem. 9, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Urie,	Esq'rs.
John Bailey,	Jacob Arndt, &	
Thomas Scott,	John Hambright,	

By virtue of a Warrant issued by this board on the 6th instant, Jacob Keller, George , Adam France, David Menser, Samuel Bowman & Henry Brintall, being Arrested, and a report made to Council,

Ordered, That Jacob Keller be now brought before the Council, and it appearing by his own confession that he had, in contempt of the Warrant of this Council, taken several Horses from Adam Kimmel, which had been impressed by order of Council for Public Service, and George Adam France, Dav'd Menser, Sam'l Bowman & Henry Brental being now brought in, and it appearing by their own confession that the said George Adam France, Dav'd Menser, Sam'l Bowman & Henry Brental, were concerned with Jacob Keller, in taking several Horses from Adam Kimmel, in contempt of a Warrant issued by this Council; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Jacob Keller, George Adam France, Dav'd Menser, Sam'l Bowman & Henry Brental be committed to the common Goal of this County.

Several letters from the County of Bedford, relating to the incursions made by the Indians, being now read and considered,

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the County of Bedford, & of the County of Westmorland, be authorized and directed to call out from time to time, such parts of the Militia of the said Counties as may be necessary for the immediate defence of the Inhabitants against the Indians, & to take such measures as may most effectually cover the inhabitants while they are securing their grain, and

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it is recommended to the said Lieut's to confer & correspond with each other on this Subject as occasion may require, so as to act in conjunction, as far as may be, for the Public safety.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Decem. 10, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, John Bailey, Jacob Arndt, James Edgar,	Tho's Urie, John Hambright, & Tho's Scott.	Esq'rs.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Decem. 11, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Arndt, John Edgar, John Hambright, Thomas Urie,	Thomas Scott, Jacob Morgan, & John Bailey.	Esq'rs.

A Letter from Mr. Joseph Nourse, Deputy Secretary of the Board of War, inclosing several Resolves of Congress, Several Letters from Owen Jones, jun'r, to divers persons in Lancaster, & one from Mathias Slough to the said Owen Jones, jun'r, and the depositions of several persons relating to the conduct of the Quaker Prisoners at Winchester, & also a resolve of the Board of War for the removing the said Prisoners to Staunton, in the County of Augusta, in Virginia.

Ordered, That the same be laid before the Hon'ble House of Assembly.

Ordered, That application be made to the Board of War for a number of Arms, to be repaired and put into the hands of the Militia of the County of Bedford, for their immediate defence against the incursions of the Indians.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, for the

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Sum of Fifty-eight pounds eight shillings & nine pence, for forty-five attendance & half Mileage on one hundred & five miles, (he having removed his Family from his late dwelling to this Borough.)

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday, Decem. 12, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
John Bailey,	Thomas Scott, &	
James Edgar,	John Hambright.	
Tho's Urie,		

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Bayard, Esq'r, for the sum of Five thousand Pounds, to be charged to Will'm Henry, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, being so much money advanced by John Philips & Co. to the said Will'm Henry, & by him assigned to the said Colo. John Bayard.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of George Ross, Esq'r, for Eleven Month's rent of an office for Public Papers, (according to an Agreement made with him by Will'm Parr, Esq'r, for the Sum of Thirty-Three Pounds.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Decem. 13, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,	Thomas Scott, &	Esq'rs.
Thomas Edgar,	Thomas Urie,	

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Stephen Sutton, for the Sum of Thirty-six Pounds eighteen Shillings and nine Pence, for riding Express on Public business.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Tyler, (Gunsmith,) for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, & ordered to be charged to Jacob S. Howell, to whom the said John Tyler (Gunsmith) is to be accountable.

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Ordered, That Mr. John Tyler send what Rifles he has by him fit for service, immediately forward to this Borough, to the Council.

The General Assembly of Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, sent into Council the following Certificate, viz't:

"In General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Wednesday Dec'r 10, 1777, P. M.

"On motion, *Resolved*, That this House will now proceed, agreeable to the order of the day, to the Election of Delegates to serve this State in Congress for the ensuing year, every one of whom shall have forty Shillings for each days' service.

"Whereupon, The said Election being made by Ballot, Doctor Benjamin Franklin, Rob't Morris, Dan'l Roberdeau, Jonath'n Bayard Smith, James Smith, Yorktown, Will'm Clingban & Joseph Reed, Esq'rs, were Chosen.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"JOHN MORRIS, jun'r, Clerk of General Assembly."

Thereupon, *Ordered*, That a Certificate of the said Election and appointment be made out, under the Seal of the Comonwealth, signed by his Excell'y the President, & Attested by the Secretary.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday Decem. 15, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Edgar, Thomas Urie, & } Esq'rs.
John Hambright, Thomas Scott, }

William Henry, Esq'r, informed the Council that very frequent applications had been made to him for Payment of Waggonhire, due to the inhabitants of this County for service done last Summer; thereupon,

Ordered, That application be made to Gen'l Mifflin, requesting that he will take immediate & effectual measures for the payment of the said Waggoners.

The Petition of Jacob Keller & Peter Miller, on behalf of Jacob Keller, jun'r, Sam'l Bowman, Jacob Brindle, Dav'd Meinzer, George Adam Frantz, now prisoners in the Goal of this County, being read, & the Petitioners heard; thereupon,

Ordered, That Sam'l Bowman, David Meinzer, & George Adam Frantz, who appear to have been drawn in to aid & abet Jacob

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Keller in forcibly taking away two Horses from Adam Kimmel, which were in the service of Council, thro' a deception, be discharged on taking & Subscribing the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the State, and that Jacob Keller, jun'r, & Jacob Brindle, on their taking & subscribing the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the State, and giving Security for their good behaviour for one year, themselves each in the Sum of Four hundred Pounds, & one Sufficent Freeholder in the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, be enlarged.

Colo. Bayard & Colo. Coats attended the Council in the name of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, requested a conference with Council, (either in the Assembly Room or in the Council Chamber, as the Council think fit,) on the situation of the State, with respect to the Continental Army going into Winter Quarters; thereupon,

Agreed, That this Council will attend the House in the Assembly Room.

The Conference with the Hon'ble House of General Assembly having been had, & it being unanimously agreed to remonstrate to Congress against the Army going into Cantonments,

Ordered, That the Hon'ble Vice President & Mr. Scott be appointed to join with a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly to draw up the said Remonstrance, to be laid before the Council & the House to-morrow morning.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday Decem. 16, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

James Edgar, John Hambright, Tho's Urie, & Tho's Scott. } Esq'rs.

The Council taking into consideration the case of Doctor Shannon, who has been arrested as a person unfriendly to the cause of America, and suspected as being dangerous to liberty; thereupon,

Ordered, That Doctor Shannon do give security for his appearance at this Board when called upon, to answer such Charge as may be brought against him, and in the mean time to be of good behaviour, himself in the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, & one or more sufficient Freeholders in the Sum of One thousand Pounds.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Decem. 17, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, &
James Edgar, Tho's Scott. } Esq'rs.
Tho's Urie,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm C. Bradford, Paymaster of the Pennsylvania Fleet, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm C. Bradford, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, to be delivered to Mr. Will'm Crispin, Commissary to the Pennsylvania Fleet, to be charged to the account of the said Will'm Crispin, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President, for the Sum of Two hundred & Fifty Pounds additional Pay, voted to him in Assembly the 12th of October last, for half a year, ending the first day of September last.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday Decem. 19, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar,
Jacob Morgan, Thomas Scott, & } Esq'rs.
John Hambright, Thomas Urie,

Application being made to Council to fix the Pay of the Horse Men who entered into Service from Chester County,

Ordered, That the Gentlemen who, instead of doing duty in the Foot Militia, have entered into the service as horsemen, be allowed over and besides the Pay of Militia, all the expences which they have actually paid for foreage, when it could not be supplied by the Commissary.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Decem. 20, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Tho's Scott, &
James Edgar, Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.
John Hambright,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Philip Marstiller, Paymaster of Militia for this County, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Frederick Sneyder, for eighty five days attendance, and for riding express to Easton, & for sundry small expences paid by him, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds Eight Shillings & Six Pence.

The recommendation of the Justices of the Peace of the County of York of three persons as qualified to act as Clerk of the Peace, being now read & considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That Arch'd McClean, Esq'r, be appointed Clerk of the Peace for the County of York.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday Decem. 22, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, —— Ewing, &
Tho's Scott, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

The Council took into consideration the great inconveniences arising from the present irregular mode of providing Waggons for the Army.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday Decem. 23, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, John Hambright, Tho's Urie, & Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.

The Council resumed the consideration of the mode of supplying the Army with Waggons.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Peter Dehaven, for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

Council being informed that there is a quantity of Gun powder, Salt Petre, & Sulphur, belonging to either this State or to the Continent, which is at present in the hands of Tho's Himeburg, near the Yellow Springs, which appears to be insecure; therefore,

An order was given for the delivery of the same to the Hon'ble Tho's Urie, Esq'r, to be by him secured, and an order was also drawn directing Mr. Rob't Towers, to deliver to the said Tho's Urie such Public Stores as are now in his hands belonging either to the Continent or to this State.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Mr. Blaithwaite Jones, for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, to be charged to Congress, in part Pay for his services in superintending the Works at Billingsport.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Decem. 24, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Hambright, James Edgar, Thomas Scott, & Joseph Hart, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Adam Kimmel, for the Sum of Five hundred & Fifty Pounds Six Shillings & Eleven Pence, for Whiskey, & Carriage of it to our Fleet. The following Representation to the Representatives of the Freemen of the State of Pennsylvania being

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read and agreed to, was sent to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly now sitting, viz't:

"In Council, Lancaster, Decem. 24, 1777.

"*To the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"The Council having found great inconvenience and mischief arise from the want of a Law for regulating Carriages employed in the Service of the Army; That such Laws having been found proper & useful in former times, when Soldiers have been employed & Quartered in Pennsylvania, are become more necessary than ever, from the great extent & burden of that duty at present; That contrary to the Policy of free States, Quarter Masters, Commissaries, & other persons of Character, purely Military, have been left through necessity, to press Waggons & Horses, a practice big with mischief & oppression, such Officers regarding merely their own convenience & ease, & burdening chiefly the neighbourhood where they reside, & forcing into Service Carriages carrying in the Town food & fuel to the immediate distress of the inhabitants; That Council have endeavoured to interpose their influence in extending the burden of this necessary duty to the People generally, but that want of authority to enforce their Rules by punishing offenders & restraining the Military Officers aforesaid, have undermined all their efforts, and must continue to do so, whereby the Waggon Service will become an intolerable grievance to many worthy Farmers, and will be performed with reluctance & insufficiency; That the need of a better reward than Thirty Shillings P. Diem, for the service of a Team of four Horses & a Waggon, has been fully manifest to Council; That they have represented to our Delegates in Congress that adequate Wages are essentially necessary to the performance of this important Service, & they have recommended that Forty-five Shillings or Fifty Shillings Per Diem be hereafter allowed; Council therefore, are of opinion that a Law on the Subject of Carriages & Horses for Continental Service is indispensibly necessary, & if it should be considered as proper, Council will frame heads of a Bill for expediting the same.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Decem. 25, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEO. BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
Joseph Hart, & Tho's Scott, Esq'rs.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday Decem. 26, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
Joseph Hart, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
Tho's Scott, &

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Decem. 27, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
Joseph Hart, Esquire.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Colo. Will'm Coats, Lieu't of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Will'm Scott, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Bucks, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, to be charged to Thomas Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of the State.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday Decem. 29, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excll'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
Joseph Hart, Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
John Hambright, &

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Marshall Edwards, Esq'r, Paymaster of Philadelphia County Militia, for the Sum of One thousand Two hundred & fifty Pounds, to be charged to Tho's Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of the State.

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Colo. Proctor represented to the Council that a considerable Sum of Money was due to the Militia of the County of Westmorland, for services done by them, and that there is a necessity of a Sum of Money being sent into the said County to purchase Provisions for the Men now in service & that may be called into service against the Indians; thereupon,

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Proctor, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Westmoreland, for the Sum of One thousand & five hundred Pounds, to be applied in Paying the said Militia, & to be charged to Thomas Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of the State.

An order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of John Proctor, Esq'r, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be by him delivered to Colo. Arch'd Lockry, Lieu't of the County of Westmorland, to procure Provisions for the Militia, & to be charged to the said Colo. Lockry.

And an order was drawn on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of Wm. Holliday, for the Sum of Four hundred Pounds, to Pay for Provisions purchased to supply the Militia of Bedford County, & to continue the Supply, which Sum is to be charged to Colo. Piper, Lieu't of said County.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday Decem. 30, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
John Hambright, &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State, in favor of Michael Reinhard, for the Sum of Thirteen Pounds & ten Shillings, for Riding Express.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Decem. 31, 1777.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Scott, & } Esq'rs.
John Hambright, Thomas Urie, }

On Monday last Mich'l Smith, Waggon Master, delivered to Council Nine Bales of Woollens & five small Bales of Shalloons, which had been Seized by Colo's Smith & Keiklein, of the County of Bucks, & sent forward for the purpose of Cloathing of Troops; and an order was drawn on Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, in favor of the said Mich'l Smith, for the Carriage of the said Goods, for the Sum of Ninety-four Pounds & ten Shillings, to be charged to account of Cloathing the Troops of this State.

Ordered, That Capt. John Harrison be appointed to the Command of the Dickinson Arm'd Boat, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

The Council met.

Thursday January 1, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
Tho's Urie, John Bailey, }

Joseph Green, of the County of Northumberland, laid before the Council an Account of Expences in supplying the Militia of that County with Provisions, on an expedition up the West branch of Susquehanna River, to defend the frontiers against the Indians, Amounting to One thousand Four hundred & Sixty-Six Pounds Seven Shillings & Six Pence, as he has stated it; but Council not having before them the vouchers necessary to support the said account, & it appearing that a considerable Sum of Money will be wanted in that department, this account is ordered to be rendered to the Lieu't of the County; And an order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Joseph Green, for the Sum of One Thousand & Six hundred Pounds, to be by him paid into the hands of Samuel Hunter, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the said County, & to be charged to the said Hunter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

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Mr. Sam'l Caldwell rendered an account of the Expences paid by him & Mr. A. Nesbitt, in conducting the Quaker Prisoners to Reading, Amounting to One hundred & Fifty-Nine Pounds Three Shillings & four Pence; And an order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Mr. Sam'l Caldwell, for the Sum of Fifty-Nine Pounds Three Shillings & four Pence, balance of the aforesaid Account.

Order dated yesterday.

Mr. James Read & Colo. Clarke, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council & laid before them the Petition of Forty-four respectable Persons of this County, proposing the calling out the whole strength of this State against the Enemy, and proposed a conference between the Council & General Assembly.

Ordered, That John Brown be allowed the liberty of the Goal, as other Prisoners usually are.

The President & Council having attended in consultation with the General Assembly, & it being agreed that the proposal made in the above mentioned Petition be communicated to Congress, A Committeee was appointed to draft a Letter to Congress for this purpose.

The Council met.

FRIDAY January 2, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
Tho's Urie, John Bailey. }

Letter to Congress, drafted by the Committee, was laid before the Counsil, approved & sent into the House of Assembly.

An order was drawn on Peter Dehavan & George Fry, directing them to deliver to Colo. John Shields, of Westmorland County, Thirty-six Riffle Guns, or such number as are in their possession, to be delivered to Colo. Arch'd Lochry, Lieut. of the said County; and also an order was drawn on William Henry of this borough, for all the Riffles in his possession, to be delivered to Colo. Archibald Lochry, Lieut. of the said County.

Ordered, That the Board of War be requested to furnish Herman Husband, Esq'r, with Two hundred Pounds of Powder & Six hundred Pounds of Lead, for the use of the Militia of Westmoreland County, in defending themselves against the Indians, and the like quantity for the use of the Militia of Bedford, for the said purpose.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Philip Boehm, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of Northampton, for the Sum of One thousand and five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday January 3d, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
Tho's Urie, John Bailey. }

Mr. Anderson, Colo. Dill & Colo. Clarke attended in Council, & laid before them a Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, (dated December 29, 1777,) authorizing them to open the Loan Office Chest, &ca., thereupon requested the Key of the said Chest, which had been put into the hands of Colo. Hart; whereupon, Colo. Hart, with the concurrence of Council, delivered the Keys to the said Mr. Anderson, Colo. Dill & Colo. Clarke.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Tolbert, for the Sum of Seven Pounds & ten Shillings, for riding express for General Armstrong.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday January 5, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
Thomas Urie, Thomas Scott. }

A Memorial from the Prisoners sent from Philadelphia to Winchester in Virginia, was read.

The Council having considered the State of the Militia now in the field,

Ordered, That the Sixth & Seventh Classes of Militia of York County; The Fifth & Sixth Classes of Militia of the County of Cumberland; and the Fifth Class of Militia of the County of Northumberland, be immediately sent to Head Quarters.

Ordered, That Congress be informed that the Prisoners now at Winchester, are considered by this Council as the Prisoners of the United States, & that a considerable expence hath been paid by this State removeing them to Winchester.

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The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday January 6, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Tho's Scott, &	} Esq'rs.
Tho's Urie,	John Bailey.	
John Hambright,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Clark, Paymaster of Cumberland County, for the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds, to be charged to Thomas Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of the State.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland, be directed to enquire for some Block Tin & Lead, which has been sent to Carlisle & lodged there, & procure One block of the Tin & a Pig of Lead, & send it to Council by the first opportunity.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday January 7, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,	John Hambright, &	} Esq'rs.
Tho's Urie,	Tho's Scott.	
Jos. Hartley,		

Major Gen'l Armstrong attended in Council & conferred with them on the situation of our Army.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Maj. Gen'l Armstrong, for the sum of One hundred & Fifty Pounds, to be charged to account of Thomas Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster.

Ordered, That Colo. Lacy, take the Command of the Militia of this State, which may be Stationed between Schuylkill & Delaware, until further orders.

Ordered, That Colo. Kirkbride be directed to send out Thirty Light Horse, to be commanded by a Cornet, to do duty in the Camp under Colo. Lacy. Complaint being made that several Waggons had been impressed contrary to the assurance given by Council to the Farmers sending in Wood, Hay, &ca. to this Borough,

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Ordered, That Colo. Hartley, the Commanding Officer now here, be directed to attend the Council this Afternoon; & Colo. Hartley attended, & being informed of the Complaint, assured the Council that he had not ordered the impressing of the Waggons above mentioned, & that he would immediately order them to be discharged.

Capt. Blewer laid before the Council a Receipt signed by Sam'l Smith, Lieut. Colo. & Commander of Fort Mifflin, for Two hundred & Twenty-four pair of Stockings, One hundred & Twelve pair of Shoes, One hundred & Ninety Shirts, & Twenty Coats, for the use of the Party under his Command in the said Garrison.

Ordered, That the same be communicated to the Clothier General, that he may charge the said Cloathing to the said Colo. Smith, & credit this State therewith.

The Petition of Lambartus Scheline, Setting forth that he has been confined in the Goal of Berks County, on the common allowance, upwards of Two Years & Three Months, under sentence of Death for passing of false counterfeit Bills, in the form & similitude of the true genuine Bills, the Currency of Pennsylvania; that he is upwards of Seventy Years of Age, & that shortly after his confinement, thro' sickness and distress he has entirely lost his Eyesight, & praying a discharge, &ca., now laid before the Council & read; And after mature deliberation on his case, it was

Ordered, That the said Lambertus Scheline be Pardoned & discharged from his confinement, on paying the costs of prosecution & Prison Fees.

Mr. Joseph Carson, to whom the Goods lately brought from Bucks County belong, requested that he may be supplied with the Sum of Seven thousand Pounds in Loan Office Certificates, in part of the Amount of the said Goods; & it appearing that there is a considerable sum of Money yet due on the last order of Congress on the Treasury in favor of this Council, & that the Sum required by Mr. Carson may be had at the Loan Office in Certificates, toward the Payment of the said order of Congress; whereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Jos. Carson, for the Sum of Seven Thousand Pounds, to be paid to him in Continental Loan Office Certificates & charged to him.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday January 8, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	John Hambright, &	Esq'rs.
John Bailey,	Tho's Scott.	
Tho's Urie,		

The Council taking into consideration a return of Justices made by the Township of Munsey, in the County of Northumberland; thereupon,

Ordered, That Andrew Culbertson & Mordecai M'Kinney be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, & their Commissions were dated this day.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday January 9, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart,	John Hambright,	Esq'rs.
John Bailey,	Tho's Scott, &	
Tho's Urie,	Jac'b Arndt.	

The Council taking into consideration the appointing of a Waggon Master for the State, & Waggon Masters for the respective Counties, according to Law; thereupon,

Ordered, That James Young, Esq'r, be appointed Waggon Master of the State, & that the following persons be appointed Waggon Masters of their respective Counties: Philadelphia County, Colo. John Moore; Chester County, Tho's Boyd, Esq'r; Bucks County, John Thompson, Esq'r; Lancaster County, James Bayly; Berks County, Leonard Reed; York County, Jos. Jefferys; Cumberland County, Matt'w Gregg; Northampton County, Conrad Knider; Bedford County, John Cesna; Northumberland County, Jas. Mc———; Westmoreland County, And'w Linn.

The Council agreed unanimously, that there is a necessity of appointing another Brigadier General; And thereupon, being voted for by Ballot, John Lacey, jun., was elected by an unanimous vote to be Brigadier General.

Ordered, That the seventh & Eight Classes of the Militia of the County of Northampton be called into the field.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Jan'ry 10, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEO. BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jac'b Arndt,	Esq'rs.
John Bailey,	John Hambright, &	
Tho's Urie,	Tho's Scott.	

Colo. Hart went this day for Newtown.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday January 12, 1778.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEO. BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,	Tho's Urie, &	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	Tho's Scott.	
Jac'b Arndt,		

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday January 13, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,	Tho's Urie, &	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	Tho's Scott.	
Jac. Arndt,		

Colo. Bull attended & hinted to Council that about five hundred Arms fit for service were sent to Colo. Antis', that Arms generally suffer in removing them from place to place, for want of Boxes to carry them in.

Colo. Bull exhibited an account of Work done by him at Billingsport & Red Bank, Amounting to Four hundred & Sixty Seven Pounds; Three Pounds & of money received by him at several times, amounting to Two hundred & One Pounds Ten Shillings & five Pence, & it appears that a balance of Two hundred & Sixty five Pounds Twelve Shillings & Seven Pence, is due to him thereon,

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An order was drawn on Jacob S. Howell for the Payment of the said Balance.

Colo. Bull requesting that his pay as Colo. Commandant at Billingsport & Red Bank, from the time of his appointment to that Office on the 15th Feb'ry, 1777, to the 17th June, 1777, & from the last mentioned date to this day, as Adjutant General of the Militia of this State; on consideration,

Ordered, That Colo. Bull be allowed "As Colo. Commandant" at Billingsport & Red Bank:

	D'rs.
4 Mo. & 2 days, @ 85 Dollars ℔ Mo., - - - -	345⅓

As Adjutant General of the Militia of Pennsylvania:

6 Mo. & 26 days @ 100 Dollars ℔ Mo., - - -	686⅔
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And orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colo. John Bull, for the said Sums of Three hundred & forty-five Dollars & Two-thirds of a Dollar, & Six hundred & Eighty-six Dollars & Two-thirds of a Dollar, both of them to be charged to the Paymaster of the Militia of this State.

The Council taking into consideration the situation of our Militia now in the Field, & the probability of what number may be called into the Field, were of opinion that an Adjutant General will not be necessary; & therefore,

Ordered, That Colo. Bull be informed, in the most respectful terms, that the Council are of opinion that his Services as Adjutant General will not be any longer necessary; & lest he should consider it as intended as a dismission of him from the service in consequence of some disapprobation of his conduct, that he be informed that it is not intended to appoint another Person in his room.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday January 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,
Jacob Arndt,
Tho's Urie. } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob S. Howell, or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

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Capt. John Dav'd Wœlper, of the German Battalion in Continental Service, laid before the Council an Account of Four Pounds & Ten Shillings, paid by him for taking up four deserters, agreeable to the direction of an Act of General Assembly of this State, passed Feb'ry 20, 1777; On consideration,

The Council ordered the same to be paid by the State Treasurer, & informed Capt. Wœlper that they have granted this order from a desire of avoiding the discouragement of the taking up of Deserters, rather than from the justice of the claim, as they apprehend he ought to have reimbursed himself out of the pay of the Soldiers so taken up.

Rob't Levers, Esq'r, of the County of Northampton, having had orders to send forward a quantity of Indigo to Boston to be sold there, & the Money laid out in Clothing for the Troops, & he now representing that it will be necessary to send a number of Waggons to bring the said Clothing back, more than will be necessary to carry the indigo there,

Ordered That three hundred & Fifty Pounds be put into his hands to purchase Iron, & send by the said Waggons for the like purpose, &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in his favour for the said Sum of Three hundred & Fifty Pounds, for which he is to account.

Council having repeatedly had under their consideration the recommendation of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of the 2d inst., respecting the Recruiting Men to complete one Quota of the Continental Army, & being fully satisfied that men qualified & willing to perform this business cannot be found, And that an attempt to carry into execution the plan therein recommended, would be attended with great inconvenience & loss of time, if not with fatal Consequences; therefore,

Resolved, That this Council will write to His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, lay before him the said recommendation, & request him to nominate two Officers, who he may think best qualified, in each Battalion of this State, to Recruit Men for the said Battalions, who shall repair to the different Counties of this State & attend immediately to this important duty, and acquaint His Excell'y that Council will deposit in the hands of the Lieutenant of the respective Counties a Sum of Money to Pay the bounty ordered by the Honorable House of Assembly, to whom the said Officers may apply from time to time for the same, as they shall inlist men.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Jan'ry 15, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,	Thomas Urie,	Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,	John Hambright, &	
Thomas Scott,	Jacob Arndt.	

Jacob Dingee & Rich'd Strode delivered the body of Charles Dingee, late of the County of Chester, to the order of this Council, agreeable to the condition of a Bond by them given, with Thos's Meeter, to his Excell'y the President, taken by Elias Boudinot, Esquire, Commissioner of Prisoners, when he was attempting to go into Philadelphia while in the Possession of the Enemy, contrary to law; And being there examined, & it appearing that he hath not taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance directed by the Laws of this State, the same was read & tendered to him, and he being requested to withdraw & take time to consider of the same, withdrew accordingly, & after some time, voluntarily returned & declared he could not take the said Oath or Affirmation; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Charles Dingee be committed to the Goal of this County, there to remain until he shall take the Oath or Affirmation aforesaid, & give further security of his Allegiance by Two able & sufficient sureties, each bound in the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday January 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Bailey,	Thomas Urie,	Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,	John Hambright, &	
Thomas Scott,	Jacob Arndt.	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Hubley, for the Sum of Nine Pounds, for Money paid by him to an express sent by Council to Northumberland.

The case of W'm Montgomery, now confined in the Goal in the County of York, being properly within the authority of the Justices of that County, is referred to them.

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The Council having had for some time past the State of the Salt works belonging to Pennsylvania, erected at Tom's River, & the necessity of an assistant Director,

Ordered, That Mr. James Davidson be employed to assist in the direction of the said works, & an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Davidson, for One Thousand Pounds, to be applied in procuring necessaries for the Salt works, & for which he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday January 19, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Tho's Urie, Jacob Arndt, Tho's Scott. John Hambright, } Esq'rs.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday January 20, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan, Thomas Urie & John Hambright, Thomas Scott. Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

The Lieutenant of the County of Northumberland having represented that several inhabitants of that County had been lately killed by the Indians, and that there was reason to apprehend that a considerable body of them was now meditating a blow against the frontiers of the said County; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Lieut. of the County of Northumberland use his best discretion with respect to the Class of Militia now called out, & apply such part thereof to the defence of the inhabitants as may appear to be necessary; he giving this Council from time to time intelligence of his proceedings herein.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Dehaven, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

James Dunn, a wounded Militia Man, applied to Council for relief; thereupon,

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Ordered, That Wm. Henry, Esq'r, Lieut. of Philadelphia, be requested to supply the said Dunn with such Money as appears to be necessary for him in his present Situation.

Gen'l Fulsom & Mr. Danae, Members of Congress, two of the Committee appointed by that Hon'ble Body, to take into consideration the proposed attack on the City of Philadelphia, attended in Council & laid before them the following Resolve of Congress, to wit:

"In Congress, January 16, 1778.

"*Resolved*, That Congress highly applaud the rising spirit of the inhabitants of Pennsylvania to regain the Capital of their State and drive out our cruel invaders; That Congress are ready & willing, with all their power, to co-operate with them for effecting this Salutary purpose: That to this end the Committee appointed to go to the Camp, be directed to consult with the President & Council of the State of Pennsylvania, & with Gen'l Washington, on the Subject, & if upon consultation the measure shall be deemed practicable, that they be fully empowered to call on the neighboring States for such aids as they shall think necessary, & take every measure which they shall think proper for effecting the end proposed.

"Extract from the Minutes,
"Signed CHA. THOMSON, Sec'y."

The same was read & a free conference had thereupon.

The Act entitled "An Act for the better Supply of the Armies of the United States of America," was read, so far as it relates to the procuring Provisions, in order to shew the measures taken by this State for the said purpose, & the probability of supplying the Militia if called.

Council taking into their consideration the Act last above mention'd, observe that there are no Commissioners appointed therein for the County of Berks, & being fully satisfied of the necessity of having Commissioners in the said County, for collecting & purchasing Provisions & forage therein for the Army; That the omitting to name in the Act Commissioners for the said County, was owing to a mistake in the Clerk; and that very dangerous consequences may arise from the delay thereof until the next meeting of the General Assembly; thereupon, for the Public Safety & from the necessity of so doing,

Ordered, That Colo. Valentine Eckhard & John Lasher, of the County of Berks, be & they are hereby appointed & authorized to act as Commissioners for purchasing Provisions & Forage for the Army in the said County, & to use & exercise like powers & authorities as are given by the said Act to any of the Commissioners therein named, until the General Assembly shall otherwise order herein.

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The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday January 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan, John Hambright, Jacob Arndt, Thomas Urie, & Thomas Scott. } Esq'rs.

Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, went this afternoon for Reading.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Shriver, Summers & Lasky, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, towards the Amount of their Bill for supplying the Fleet, to be charged to Will'm Crispin, Commissary of Provisions for the said Fleet.

The Council taking into consideration the return of Justices for the Township of Penn, in the County of Northumberland,

Ordered, That Benja. Weiser be appointed & commissioned as a Justice of the Peace for the said County, & was accordingly Commissioned, bearing date this day.

A Petition from Mich'l Hubley, Esq'r, Barrack Master of the Borough of Lancaster, being read & considered,

Ordered, That in consideration of the great increase of the duty in his department, the Pay & Rations of Mich'l Hubley, Esq'r, Barrack Master of the Borough of Lancaster, be equal to that of a Major; that he be allowed Forage for One Horse; that he be allowed such assistance from time to time as may be necessary; and that he be allowed Forage for a Horse from the day of his first appointment as Barrack Master.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday January 22, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Thomas Urie, Jacob Arndt, John Hambright, & Thomas Scott. } Esq'rs.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday January 23, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Thomas Urie, John Hambright, & Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt, Thomas Scott.

The Council taking into consideration the case of John Brown, now confined in the Goal of this County, after very mature deliberation,

Ordered, That John Brown, now confined in the Gaol of this County, be enlarged from his present confinement & be permitted to reside at the Town of Manheim, in the County of Lancaster, & within five Miles of the same, he giving Bail to be & appear at such Court within the State before which he shall be called, & answer such charges as shall be brought against him, within One Year from this day; That he shall abide the Judgment of such Court; And that he shall in the meantime be of good behaviour, himself to be bound in the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, & one Sufficient Freeholder in the like Sum.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday January 24, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r. President.

Thomas Urie, Thomas Scott, & Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt, Joseph Hart.
John Hambright,

Will'm Scott, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of York County, laid before Council a Letter from Ric'd McCallister, Esq'r, proposing among other things, that an order be drawn on him in favor of Mr. Scott, for the Money in his hands, arising from Fines, &ca.

On consideration,

Ordered, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Scott, Paymaster of the Militia of the County of York, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, to be charged to Tho's Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of the State; And that it be recommended to D. Rittenhouse, Esq'r, to endorce on the order a Certificate to Rich'd McCallister, Esq'r, Lieut. of said County; that the said Will'm Scott's Receipt thereon will be allowed as a Sufficient voucher for the Money paid him in virtue of the said Order.

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John Brown having given Bail for his appearance agreeable to the order of yesterday,

Ordered, That the said John Brown be enlarged from his present confinement, he Paying the Fees, &ca.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday January 26, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Urie, & Thomas Scott. } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,
John Hambright,

Mr. John White Swift attended the Council & informed that he had become bound with surety to the Gov'r of Maryland, for his appearance before this Council, in consequence of his having refused to take the Oath of Allegiance required by the Laws of that State, and that he now attends the Council in consequence of the said obligation.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday January 27, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Urie, & Thomas Scott. } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,
John Hambright,

Council taking into consideration a Letter laid before them by Capt. Lang, addressed to him from Colo. Francis Johnson, Wherein among other things, he says that he "still continues so unwell and infirm that he cannot undertake the duties of his Office,"

Speaking of the Office of Clothier General, &ca; Whereupon,

Ordered, That Jacob S. Howell, be appointed Receiver General of Clothing, in the room of Colo. Francis Johnson, whose indisposition of body renders him incapable of performing the duties of the said Office required by Law.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday January 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y, THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Scott, &	
John Hambright,	James Edgar,	
Thomas Urie,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Tho's Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of Militia, for the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, for the Sum of Seven hundred & fifty Pounds, to be charged to Colo. Isaac Melchior, Barrack Master.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday January 29, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Scott, &	
John Hambright,	James Edgar,	
Thomas Urie,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Jos. Bradford, for the Sum of One thousand & five hundred Pounds, to be charged to Will'm Crispin, Esq'r, Commissary of Provisions for the Navy, & to be delivered to him by Mr. Bradford.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Crispin, Esq'r, for the further Sum of One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The Council taking into consideration the extravagant price of Spirituous Liquors, & the extreme difficulty, if not impossibility, of procuring a supply for our Navy,

Ordered, That the Men of the Navy be allowed One shilling each Man P Diem, in lieu of their Rations of Rum, until the General Assembly shall otherwise order herein.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Tyler, Armourer, for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

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A Petition of a number of respectable Germans, praying for some assistance in establishing & Circulating a German Newspaper, being now read & considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That Council do take & distribute five hundred German Newspapers Weekly, at the same price at which they now pay to Mr. John Dunlap for the English Paper, and that Mr. Bayley, printer of this Borough, be informed thereof.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday January 30, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt,
Jacob Morgan, Thomas Scott, &
John Hambright, James Edgar,
Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Ebenezer Cowell, for the sum of Three hundred Pounds, on account of repairing Muskets, &ca., to be charged to his account.

Application being made by Letter from Colo. Lutterlish, for Two hundred & Eighty Waggons, for the immediate service of the Army, thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be furnished by the following Counties, Viz:

	Philadelphia County,		30
Dr. Gardner,	Chester	do.	60
	Bucks	do.	50
By Mr. Anderson, (Assemblyman)	Lancaster	do.	60
Order sent by Colo. Weitzel,	Berks	do.	50
	Northampton	do.	30
			— 280 Waggons.

John Gottlieb Metscher, a suspected person, was brought before the Council, & Committed by the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday January 31, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Scott, &	
John Hambright,	James Edgar,	
Thomas Urie,		

A Petition of a respectable number of Militia of the fifth battalion of Cumberland County, representing their exposed situation & danger from the incursion of the Indians, & praying (in effect,) that the Classes now ordered into service may be permitted to go against the Indians, was now read & considered, & thereupon,

Ordered, That agreeable to the order of the 9th of December last, in the case of the Counties of Bedford & Westmoreland, the fifth & sixth Classes of the fifth Battalion of Militia of the said County of Cumberland, now under orders to march to Camp, be employed in the immediate defence of the inhabitants of the frontiers of that and the neighboring Counties against the Indians; and that the Lieutenant of the said County be empowered to call out from time to time, such part of the Seventh & Eighth Classes of the Militia of the said County as shall be absolutely necessary for the defence of the Frontiers. And it is recommended to the Lieut. of the County of Cumberland to Correspond with the Lieut's of Bedford, Westmoreland, & Northumberland, so as to act in conjunction, as much as may be, for the public safety, and give this Council the earliest intelligence of his proceedings herein.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday January 2, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	Thomas Urie, &	
Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Scott,	
John Hambright,		

Ordered, That such of the fifth & sixth Classes of the fifth Battalion of the County of Cumberland as are now on their March, do

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proceed on to Camp, as it was not the intention of the order of the 31st of last Month to Stop those already on their March.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Hugh Davison, for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, to be charged to Colo. John Piper, Lieut. of the County of Bedford, & by Colo. Davison to be delivered to Colo. Piper.

A Letter from Colo. John Piper, Lieut. of Bedford County, was read.

A Petition from divers inhabitants of that County, & a Letter from Colonel Davison were also read, the whole representing the situation of that County. And Colo. Piper's Letter informed Council that he was about to enlist a number of Men for nine Months; the same being considered,

Ordered, That a Letter be written to Colo. Piper, informing him that Council were surprized at his having adopted such a measure, which he not been authorized to do by this Council, nor was it in the power of this Council to have done so.

Brig'r Gen'l Lacey having been appointed one of the Commissioners for Collecting of Clothing in the County of Bucks, which his duty as Brig'r Gen'l will so far interfere with the said appointment as to make it necessary to appoint another Commissioner in his stead; thereupon,

Ordered, That John Kerr, of the County of Bucks, be appointed Commissioner for the Collecting of Cloathing in the said County, in the room & stead of John Lacey, Esq'r, appointed to be a Brigadier General.

(Copy sent by Express.)

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday February 3d, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	Thomas Urie,	
Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Scott, &	
John Hambright,	John Bailey,	

A Letter from the Board of War of 31st January, with a Resolve of Congress of the 30th, respecting the Flag, was read.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday February 4, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	Thomas Urie,	
Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Scott, &	
John Hambright,	John Bailey,	

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Feb'ry 5, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	Thomas Urie,	
Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Scott, &	
John Hambright,	John Bailey,	

Colo. Joshua Elder informed the Council that he had several accounts of Expenses incurred by divers Classes of the Militia of the County of Lancaster before the appointment of a Commissary, and the Council taking the same into consideration; thereupon,

Ordered, That Philip Marsteller, Esq'r, Paymaster of the said County, do examine the said accounts, & pay the same, so far as they shall appear to be just & equitable.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday Feb'ry 6, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	Thomas Urie, &	
Jacob Morgan,	Thomas Scott,	
John Hambright,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Tho's Scott, Esq'r, for the Sum of one hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Feb'ry 7, 1778.

Ordered, That the Paymasters of the several Counties examine the accounts of expences which have occurred in the supply of the Militia with Provisions, before they could have been supplied by the Commissaries, & Pay such Sums as shall appear just & equitable.

Ordered, That Will'm Henry, Esq'r, supply Colo. Buchanan's Battalion of Militia, from Cumberland County, with 12 Axes & 12 Camp Kettles.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday Feb'ry 9, 1778.

Present as on Saturday.

It being represented to Council that John Gotlieb Metscher, now confined in Goal as a Suspicious person, has given strong evidence of his being a friend to the United States; thereupon,

Ordered, That on his taking the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by Law, he be discharged.

Ordered, That fifteen coarse Coverlids, which were as Wrappers round the Cloths lately purchased of Mr. Carson, be sent to the Hospital.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of His Excell'y Tho's Wharton, jun'r, for the Sum of Seven hundred & fifty Pounds, for half a Year's Salary as President of this Council.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday Feb'ry 10, 1778.

Present as Yesterday.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Feb'ry 11, 1778.

PRESENT:

Jacob Morgan, James Edgar, John Hambright, Jacob Arndt, Thomas Urie, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Feb'ry 12, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, James Edgar, John Hambright, Jacob Arndt, Thomas Urie, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday Feb'ry 13, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, James Edgar, John Hambright, Jacob Arndt, Thomas Urie, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.

The Hon'ble W. A. Atlee, Esq'r, Commissary of Prisoners, informed the Council that there was a number of Prisoners to be now forwarded to York Town, & that Capt. Long, with a Company of the York County Militia, was now in the Borough on their way home, whose time of Service expired this day; & that they were willing to take charge of the Prisoners & conduct them to Yorktown, on condition that they draw Rations & receive Pay during the time they shall be employed in this service; thereupon,

Ordered, That Capt. Long & his Company, employed in conducting Prisoners from this Borough to York Town, be continued in Pay & receive Rations from this day until they shall have performed that Service.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday February 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan, Jacob Arndt,
James Edgar, Thomas Urie, & } Esq'rs.
John Hambright, Thomas Scott,

The Resolve of Congress of February the third, 1778, was now read:

"In Congress, February 3d, 1778.

"*Resolved*, That every Officer who holds, or shall hereafter hold, a Commission or Office from Congress, shall take & Subscribe the following Oath or Affirmation: I, ———— do acknowledge the United States of America to be Free, Independent, & Sovereign States, and declare that the People thereof owe no allegiance or obedience to George the Third, King of Great Britain; & I renounce, refuse, and abjure any allegiance or obedience to him; & I do Swear (or affirm) that I will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain, & defend the said United States against the said King George the Third, his heirs & successors, & his & their abettors, assistants, & adherents, & will serve the said United States in the Office of ———— which I now hold, with fidelity, according to the best of my skill & understanding, So help me God.

"That all Officers of the Army shall take & subscribe the foregoing Oath or Affirmation, before the Commander-in-Chief, or any Major General, or Brigadier General; That all Officers of the Navy shall take & Subscribe, before one of the Commissioners of the Navy Boards, or before a Judge or Justice of the Peace of the State wherein they respectively reside, or shall receive their Commissions or Warrants; That all persons holding any Civil office of trust or profit, under the Congress of these United States, shall take & subscribe the said Oath or Affirmation, before a Judge or Justice of the Peace of the State wherein they respectively reside; That every Officer having the disposal, or who is or shall be intrusted with the charge or distribution of Public Stores, shall, at the time of taking & Subscribing the foregoing Oath or Affirmation, also take an Oath or Affirmation of Office in the following words:

"'I, ———— do Swear (or Affirm) that I will faithfully, truly, & impartially execute the Office of ———— to which I am appointed, & render a true account when thereunto required, of all Public Monies by me received or expended, & of all Stores or other effects to me intrusted, which belong to the United States, & will,

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in all respects, discharge the trust reposed in me with justice & integrity, to the best of my skill & understanding.'

"That every Officer taking the foregoing Oaths or Affirmations, or either of them, shall obtain from the person administering the same, duplicate certificates specifying the time of his taking it or them, & also his name & rank or employment; That every Military Officer shall deliver or transmit one of the certificates so obtained to the Commander-in-Chief, or the Commander of a Department, or to such person as by General Orders shall be appointed to receive the same, & the said commanding Officers shall cause the certificates so received to be sent to the Secretary of Congress, & shall keep an exact list of the names of all Officers whose certificates shall be received & forwarded, together with their several rank, & the times of their being qualified; That every Officer in the Navy shall deliver or send one of the certificates by him obtained to the Navy Board most convenient, who are requested to transmit the same, & also a certificate of their own qualifications to the Marine Committee, as soon as conveniently may be; That every other person employed in any civil department, or Officer as above mentioned, shall send or deliver one of the certificates by him obtained to the Secretary of the State to which he belongs, or to such other person or persons as the Governor or President of such State shall direct; And the Governors or Presidents of the several States are hereby requested to attend to this matter, & to cause the certificates when received to be transmitted to the Secretary of Congress; That each deponant or affirmant shall retain & keep the other certificate by him obtained, as a voucher of his having complied with what is hereby enjoined him.

"*Resolved*, That every Officer, civil or military, now in Office, shall take & subscribe the qualification above mentioned, within Twenty days after notice hereof; & every person hereafter appointed to any office, by or under the authority of the Congress of the United States of America, shall take & subscribe the same previous to his acting in such Office; And every Officer who shall continue or presume to exercise any Commission, civil or military, under the authority of the Congress of the United States of America, without taking the qualification in time and manner above directed, shall be cashiered & forfeit two Months' Pay to the use of the United States of America, & be rendered incapable of serving in the Army of the said States, & of executing thereafter any Office under Congress.

"AND WHEREAS, many persons employed as Deputy or Assistant Commissaries, or Quarter Masters, or in other civil departments, are dispersed in various parts of the continent, over whom neither Congress nor the head of their respective departments can have the immediate inspection:

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Legislature & Executive authority of every State to take effectual measures for prevent-

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ing any person within their State from exerciseing any Office in the civil department of the Army, or in any other civil department under Congress, who shall not, when thereunto required by any Magistrate, produce a legal appointment to that office, & a certificate of his having taking the foregoing Oaths or affirmations, or who shall neglect or refuse to take & Subscribe the said oaths or affirmations within the time above limited.

"*Resolved*, That the resolutions passed the 21st day of October, 1776, prescribing the form of an oath or affirmation, & directing the same to be subscribed by Officers holding Commissions or Offices from Congress, be & they are hereby repealed.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary."

Thereupon,

Ordered, That said Resolution be published in the News Papers; and all persons whom they do or may concern, are to take notice of the same & act accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Jacob Hosterman, for the Sum of Eighteen Pounds, for riding express.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday February 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	Thomas Urie, &	
John Hambright,	Thomas Scott,	

Philip Marsteller, Esq'r, having represented that the Guards at Lebanon were in a condition that required augmentation; thereupon,

Ordered, That the first Class of Colo. Greenawalt's battalion of Militia be called out to serve as guards at Lebanon.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday February 17, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jacob Morgan,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	Thomas Urie, &	
John Hambright,	Thomas Scott,	

Council having written to His Excell'y Gen'l Washington & requested him to recommend some proper persons to recruit the Battalion of this State in the Continental Army, & a list being accordingly recommended by him,

Ordered, That they be sent to the Counties as follows, Viz't.:

York County 150, Lieu. Campbell.

Cumberland County 150, Capt. Matt'w Scott, (13 Batt'n;) 150 Lieu't Wm. Brown; 150 Lieu't Gab'l Peterson; 150 Adjutant Crawford; 156 Lieu't Ja's Williamson.

([redacted] Capt. Will'm Alexander's Instructions dated 23d April.)

Northumberland County 150, Lieutenant Hooper; 150 Capt. Alexa. Patterson; 150 Capt. Oldham.

Lancaster County 150, Lieu. Benja. Carpenter; 150 Lieu. David Ziegler; 150 Capt. Bull.

Chester County 150, Lieu. Ja's Armstrong; 15 Lieu. John Marshall, (13th;) 150 Lieu. Wm. Henderson.

Bucks County 150, Lieu. John Stoy; 150 Lieu. Ch's McHenry; 150 Captain Sam'l Tolbert.

Berks County 150, Capt. Edw'd Scull.

Northampton County 150, Lieu. John Boyd; 600 Capt. John Grant; 600 Capt. Will'm Wilson.

Mr. Jacob S. Howell, receiver General of Cloathing, reports that he had delivered to the Clothier General of the United States, the following Articles of Cloathing, Viz't.:

322 Coats, 322 Vests, 198 P'r Bucksin Breeches, 48 pair of Overalls, 62 P'r of Stockings, 413 P'r of Shoes, 136 Wool Hats.

Ordered, That the Clothier General be requested to forward the said Clothing to his Excell'y Gen'l Washington, for the use of the 3d, 6th, 9th, & 12th Pennsylvania Battalions, in such proportion as his Excell'y shall order.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday Feb'ry 18, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan,	Jacob Arndt	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	Thomas Urie, &	
John Hambright,	Thomas Scott,	

Colo. Coats, Lieu't of the County of Philadelphia, being now a Prisoner with the Enemy,

Ordered, That Colo. Arch'd Thompson, Sub-Lieu't of the County of Philadelphia, be authorized & empowered to act in the behalf of the said Colo Coats as Lieutenant, & to exert himself in recovering the Substitution Money in that County, which greatly is wanted for the Recruiting Service.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer for the Recruiting Service, to be accounted for by the respective gentlemen, Viz't.:

In favor of Capt. Wm. Wilson, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars.

Of Capt. John Grant, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars.

Of Lieu. Boyd, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars.

Of the following Officers for the Sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars each, Viz't.:

Lieu. Campbell, Lieu. Will'm Brown, Lieu. Gab'l Peterson, Adjutant Crawford, Lieu. Ja's Williamson, Lieu. Rob't Hooper, Capt. Alexa. Patterson, Capt. Oldham, Lieu. Benja. Carpenter, Lieu. Dav'd Zigler, Lieu. Ja's Armstrong, Lieu. Will'm Henderson, Lieu. John Stoy, (see 21st ins.) Lieu. Cha's McHenry, Capt. Sam'l Tolbert, Capt. Edw'd Scull, Lieu. John Marshall, (13,) Capt. Matt'w Scott, Capt. Bull, and that the following orders be given them:

"In Council, Lancaster Feb'ry 14, 1778.

"Sir:—

"You being appointed to Recruit in the County of , in order to fill up the Quota of this State in the Continental Army, You will proceed immediately to that place & use the utmost diligence in & attention to this great & important duty, in the discharge of which you are to attend to the regulations established by Congress: Among which it is ordered that every recruit shall have the liberty of chusing in what Battalion, Troop, or Company he will serve; & if the Company he shall chuse to serve in be full, he shall serve in such other Company as he shall chuse. To each Recruit, on his taking the Oath or Affirmation, directed to be taken by Congress, that he will serve for three Years, or during the War, you

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are to Pay down Sixty Dollars, & Forty Dollars, part of the bounty of One hundred dollars Ordered by the General Assembly of this State, taking a Receipt for the same, expressing the Payment of the Twenty Dollars ordered by Congress; the remaining Sixty Dollars is to be paid on the Recruit passing muster, at such place shall be appointed by His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, or by this Council. You are to apply to —— Lieu't of the said County, who will advance to you hundred Dollars, and on the expenditure of this Sum, you are to apply to him again for such further Sum as may from time to time be necessary, & deliver to him Certificates, signed by the Justice before whom the Recruits which you shall have enlisted shall have been qualified, containing a description of each such Recruit, & the time of his enlistment, & retaining a duplicate of such Certificates in your own hands. Instructions will be given to the Lieutenant of the County on this subject, as well as orders to him to give you such assistance as may be necessary from the Militia on any occasion. It will probably be in your power to secure a number of Deserters, & you will be allowed five Dollars for each Deserter which you shall apprehend, & for this end you are to make dilligent search after them, & deliver to the persons appointed to receive the Recruits. You must be particularly careful not to advance any bounty Money to Deserters, if they should offer to enlist again. You are also to be careful not to enlist any person who is by any means rendered incapable of doing Millitary duty. Eight Dollars will be paid you for every Recruit you shall enlist. You will see the propriety & necessity of transmitting to this Council a Monthly return of your proceedings, or oftner if necessary; & also to transmit to His Excell'y Gen'l Washington an account of your proceedings from time to time, as often as may be necessary, in order that the Recruits may be sent for by proper Officers. It would be unnecessary to remind you that the people of the State have a right to be treated with deceney & respect, but that it cannot be doubted that more success in a free Country is to be expected in the business you are engaged in from a strict propriety of behaviour, than from any unfair or indirect practices."

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"In Council, Lancaster Feb'ry 14, 1778.

"Sir:—

"Capt. , of the Pennsylvania Regiment, is appointed to recruit in your County for the Continental Army. He is ordered to call on you for money. You will please to Pay him the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, with which he is to enter upon this Duty. Council have directed him to apply to you from time to time, for such further Sums as the service shall require, & at the same time he is to lay before you a Certificate of

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the time of enlistment & qualification, & a description of the person of each Recruit which he shall enlist, signed by the justice before whom he shall have been attested. He is to pay to each Recruit, on his being attested, the Twenty Dollars bounty ordered by Congress, & Forty Dollars, part of the One hundred Dollars ordered by this State. The remainder is to be paid on their passing Muster, at such place as shall be appointed by G'l Washington or this Council. From this you will be enabled to judge of the necessity of further supplies of Money, from time to time, which be in some degree left to your judgment & prudence, not exceeding the Sum above mentioned at any one time. If any assistance from the Militia shall be wanted to prevent the ill consequences of any disturbances which may happen in the prosecution of this business, you are to give him every countenance which is consistant with the rights & liberties of the People, taking care at same time that no insult or injury is offered to any person. The great importance of filling up the Continental Army with all possible expedition, we hope, will induce you to exert yourself, so as that the Recruiting Service may not be at a Stand for want of Money. The General Assembly have depended upon the collecting of the Substitution Money for this purpose. This you know must rest on your dilligence & attention, & you will be accountable for the Consequences of a deficiency or delay.

"The Delegates of Pennsylvania having forwarded to Council by Will'm Rowan, Esq'r, a Sum of Money for the purchase of Provisions, Forage, &ca, & The same being counted by the Secretary, there appears to be the Sum of One hundred & Thirty-nine Thousand Dollars, agreeably to the Sum mentioned in their Letters.

"Capt. Sam'l Dean, of the 11th P. B., to go to Bucks County, and an order was drawn on the Treasurer, in his favor, for one Hundred & Fifty Dollars, as entered the 20th ins."

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Feb'ry 19, 1792.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	Thomas Urie, &	
John Hambright,	Thomas Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Bickham, Lieu't of the 13th Pennsylvania Regiment, to be charged to Colo. Walter Stewart, for Three hundred Dollars, Recruiting Service.

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Ordered, That the Sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars be delivered to the Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esq'r, to be by him delivered to John Arndt & Dav'd Deshler, Esq'rs, Commissioners appointed by Law to purchase Provisions, & that a Receipt for the same be taken as of David Rittenbouse, Esq'r, Treasurer.

The Petition of the Elders & Trustees of the Lutheran Reformed German Congregation at Easton, in the County of Northampton, setting forth that they are indebted near the Sum of Four hundred Pounds more than has been raised for the building the Church belonging to the said Congregation, & Praying this Council "to grant a Licence to Mr. Philip Hellick to ask the Charitable contribution of the well disposed, within this State, towards the discharge of the said Debt, was now read. The Council taking the said Petition into consideration, and being disposed to countenance the same,

Ordered, That the Secretary do Certify that the said application has been made to this Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Rowan, Esq'r, for his service, with that of his servant, in bringing 139,000 Dollars from York Town to this Borough, for the Sum of Nine Pounds & Ten Shillings.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Peter Dehaven, for the sum of Five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That Rob't Traill, Esq'r, be appointed Storekeeper to inspect, receive, store & take care of the Provisions collected in the County of Northampton, and to issue the same upon the orders of the Board of War.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday February 20, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jacob Morgan,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
James Edgar,	Thomas Urie,	
John Hambright,	Thomas Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Council taking into consideration the necessity there is of supplying the Citizens of the County of Bedford with Arms to defend themselves against the Indians,

Ordered, That Will'm Henry, Esq'r, be directed to supply the Hon'ble Tho's Urie, Esq'r, with One hundred Riffles, to be by him

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sent to the Lieut. of the County of Bedford, for the purpose of arming the people of the said County.

Ordered, That the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars be sent to Mr. Tho's Edwards, one of the Commissioners for the purchase of Provisions in the County of Lancaster, & the same was accordingly sent by Mr. Christ'r Tren of this Borough.

Ordered, That Mr John Mitchell be appointed Storekeeper to inspect, receive, store and take care of the Provisions to be stored at Pottsgrove by order of Congress, & to issue the same by order of the Board of War; and also the following Gentlemen for the like service, in the place against their names respectively mentioned, Vizt:

Colo. Will'm Will, at Borough of Lancaster; Colo. Jos. Copperthwaite, at Reading; Capt. Elijah Weed, at Downings Town.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Sam'l Dean, of the 11th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Recruiting service, to be charged accordingly.

Ordered, That the Sum of Twenty four Thousand Dollars be sent by Hon'ble Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, to Mr. John Lesher & Valentine Eckhart, Esq'r, Commissioners for purchasing of Provisions in the County of Berks.

Ordered, That the Sum of Four thousand Dollars be sent to Will'm Gray & John Little, to purchase Provisions within the County of Northumberland, and that the same be sent by the hands of Capt. John Grant.

Ordered, That the Sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars be sent to Dav'd Watson of this County, one of the Commissioners for purchasing Provisions, the same to be sealed up and directed to him, and forwarded by Mr. John Burke.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday Feb'ry 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

James Edgar, John Hambright, Jacob Arndt, Thomas Urie, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.

The Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, reports, That he had committed the Sum of Four thousand Dollars ordered to be sent to the County of Northumberland, to purchase Provisions with, sealed up & directed to Will'm Gray & John Little, Commissioners of the said County, to the care of Capt. Will'm Wilson & Capt. John Grant.

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And Mr. John Burke attended the Council, & received, Sealed up, & directed to Dav'd Watson, Esq'r, Commissioner for the purchasing of Provisions in the County of Lancaster, the Sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars, as ordered yesterday.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster of Militia, for the Sum of Six Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

Lieu't John Cobeas of the 2d Pennsylvania Regiment, attended the Council & represented that he was appointed by the Colo. of this Regiment to recruit in the room of Capt. Stoy, who was absent, & Capt. Tolbert being present, represented that he was the oldest first Lieutenant of the said Regiment.

On consideration,

Ordered, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in his favor, for the Sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars, & that he be furnished with an order on the Lieu't of the County of Berks for Money, in the like manner as hath been done in the case of other Recruiting Officers; and that the order drawn in favor of Capt. Stoy, on the 18th instant, be retained.

Ordered, That the Sum of Six thousand Dollars be sent to Tho's Heslip & Sam'l Culbertson, Esq'rs, Commissioners for the purchasing of Provisions in the County of Chester, and that the same be Sealed up, directed to them, & forwarded by Capt. Stephen Cochran; which was done accordingly.

James M'Lene and James Reed, Esq'rs, a Committee from the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council & informed the Council that the House was now met, & desired to know if the Council had any business to lay before the House. The Council informed the Committee of their having appointed Jacob S. Howell to be Receiver General of Cloathing in the room of Colo. Francis Johnson, and delivered to them a Copy of his said appointment.

Ordered, That the Sum of Ten thousand Dollars, to Peter Evans and Colo. John Moore, Commissioners for purchasing Provisions in Philadelphia County, & the Sum of Six thousand to And'w Kichlien & Jos Green, Commissioners for the said purpose in the County of Bucks, be sealed up, directed & forwarded by Mr. Jas Cummins, & was forwarded accordingly.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday February 23, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Urie, & } Esq'rs.
John Hambright, Thomas Scott, }

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble George Bryan, Vice President, for the Sum of Fifty Pounds on account of his salary.

The Hon'ble House of General Assembly, by a Committee, acquainted the Council that they apprehend that the board of War had given orders to their Superintendants of Provisions, &ca., which the House conceived to be a violation of the laws of the State, & requested that the Council will join them in a free conference on this subject,

Ordered, That the Hon'ble House of General Assembly be informed, that the Council will confer with them in the Assembly room, at four O'Clock this Afternoon.

His Excell'y the President & the Council having conferred with the Hon'ble House of Representatives, agreeable to the order of the day, & the House requesting to be furnished with the following papers relating to the subject of conference, Vizt.:

"The instructions of the Board of War to their Superintendants of Provisions.

"The plan laid down by the Superintendants for the purchase, &ca., of Provisions.

"The instructions for the Millers, dated 1.th Jan'ry, 1778.

"A Letter from the Superintendants to the Board of War, dated Feb'ry 11, 1778.

"A Letter dated Feb'ry 12, 1778, Signed, R. S. Hooper, Deputy Q'r General, to the Purchasers under the Superintendants;" thereupon,

Ordered, That a Letter be written to the Hon'ble J. B. Smith, Esq'r, requesting that he will procure Copies of the said Papers, and forward them by express to this Board immediately.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday February 24, 1778

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Scott, & James Edgar, } Esq'rs.
John Hambright,
Thomas Urie,

The following Address was read, to Wit:

"*To the President & Council, now sitting at Lancaster:*

"These may show that We, the Subscribers, being appointed on behalf of the Westerly quarterly Meeting of the People called Quakers, in order to lay before you various deeply distressing cases & circumstances that nearly effect us as a Religious Society, request an admittance, to be heard by you for the purpose abovesaid, which favor will be acknowledged by Your real friends.

(Signed,) "WARNER MIFFLIN,
"JOSEPH HUSBAND,
"JAMES JACKSON,
"ABR'M GIBBONS,
"W'M JACKSON, jun'r,
"JACOB LINDLEY.

"Lancaster, the 23d of the 2nd Month, 1778."

Ordered, That the Subscribers of the said request be informed that the Council are willing to attend to their representation, to be made in Writing, & are disposed to hear them on such matters as may be contained therein, so far as is within the cognizance of Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Christ'n Zorn, for Twelve Pounds Seven Shillings & Six Pence, for riding express.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Tho's Lieper, James Hunter, Will'm Hall, & John Dunlap, for the Sum of Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings, for their expences in takeing the Paroles of John Penn, James Hamilton & Joseph Shippen, Esq'rs, by order of Council.

The following representation was read, Viz:

"LANCASTER, 24th 2 mo., 1778.

"*To the President & Council, now sitting at Lancaster*:

"We the Subscribers, are desirous to lay before you, 'First,' the case of a number of our Friends, now under confinement at Winchester in Virginia, by the Authority of your body, as We apprehend,

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whose release we strongly desire, or if that cannot be obtained, that three or more of them, on behalf of the rest, may be heard in their own vindication, either before Council or Congress, as you may direct. Secondly, That you would weightely consider the situation of four of our Friends, closely confined in the common Goal of this Borough. Thirdly, That you would interpose for our relief in case of exorbitant Fines, taken from us, because of our Conscience sake, we cannot yield our personal service in War. Fourthly, We desire redress of grievance in a certain Law, commonly called the Test Law.

(Signed,) "WARNER MIFFLIN,
"JOSEPH HUSBAND,
"JAMES JACKSON,
"AB'M GIBBONS,
"WILL'M JACKSON, jun'r,
"JACOB LINDLEY.

"Lancaster 24th 2 mo., 1778."

And the Subscribers of the said representation having requested to be heard in Council on the several subjects mentioned therein, were accordingly admitted & heard. The Council in the course of a conference with these People, which continued several hours, informed them That the Council had it in contemplation to represent the case of the said Prisoners at Winchester to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, & that they judged it was probable the House would take the same into their consideration; That the Arrest of the said Prisoners, & their removal to Virginia, was at the request & under the direction of Congress, before whom that matter at present wholly lies; That as to the other matters contained therein, they are not any of them within the power or authority of the Council; They appear to be cases wherein the law is executed; & that Council are not vested with any authority to alter them in any case whatever; That if any person be confined contrary to Law, their case may be laid before the Judges, or one of them, whose duty it is to hear them; And that if it is apprehended that the Law in any instance is grievous or oppressive, the Legislative authority may be applied to for alteration or amendments in such instance.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Marshall, for the Sum of Three hundred Dollars, for the recruiting service, for which he is to account. Order dated yesterday.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday February 25, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	James Edgar, &	
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Morgan,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Willis, for the Sum of eight Dollars, in part of his expences in forwarding dispatches to the Commissioners for purchasing of Provisions, and to the Waggon Masters, of the Counties of Bucks & Philadelphia.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Is'c Melchior, Barrack Master, for the Sum or Two Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

Leonard Reed, appointed to be Waggon Master of the County of Berks, having resigned; thereupon,

Ordered, That Colo. Henry Haller be appointed Waggon Master of the County of Berks, in the room of Leonard Reed, who has resigned.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

And an order was drawn on Jacob S. Howell for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, in favor of Jas Dundas, Paymaster of the People employed at Billingsport, for which he is to acco't.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday Feb'ry 26, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	James Edgar, &	
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Morgan,	

His Excell'y Gen'l Washington having enclosed to His Excell'y the President, an Address to the inhabitants of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland & Virginia, requesting that the same may be published, & submiting to the consideration of Council whether it may not serve to encrease its effects, if it were ushered into the Papers of this State with a recommendation from His Excell'y the President.

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On consideration,

Ordered, That the following Proclamation be published, with His Excell'y Gen'l Washington's address above said:

"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

"A PROCLAMATION:

"WHEREAS, His Excell'y Gen'l Washington hath thought proper to address the inhabitants of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland & Virginia, recommending it to them to put up & feed immediately as many of their Stock Cattle as they can spare for the supply of the Army, in the Months of May, June & July next, as in the said address hereunto subjoined doth more at large appear:

"We, the Supreme Executive Council, being desirous to promote a measure so essentially necessary at this time, do earnestly recommend it to the good people of this State, to exert themselves in answering the purposes of His Excell'ys address, as all circumstances seem happily to conspire in rendering the approaching Campaign decisive, & the fruit of our toil is not only in view, but even within reach; we hope all those who wish well to their Country, & have it in their power to contribute anything to the support of our Army, in the way recommended by the General, will exert themselves on this occasion. We can have no doubt of the virtuous intentions of the good people of this State, in a cause so righteous as the present contest with Great Britain most certainly is, & therefore. firmly rely on their exertions to afford the relief required in due time.

"By Order of the Council,

"(Signed) THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

"(Attest)—T. MATLACK, Secretary.

"LANCASTER, Feb'ry 27, 1778."

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"*To the Inhabitants of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia:*

"Friends, Countrymen and Fellow Citizens:

"After three Campaigns, during which the brave Subjects of these States have contended, not unsuccessfully, with one of the most powerful kingdoms upon earth, we now find ourselves at least upon a level with our opponents; & there is the best reason to believe that efforts adequate to the abilities of this Country would enable us speedily to conclude the War, & to secure the invaluable blessings of Peace, Liberty & Safety. With this view, it is in contem-

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plation at the opening of the next Campaign, to assemble a force sufficient not barely to cover the Country from a repetition of those depredations which it hath already suffered, but also to operate offensively, & strike some decisive blow. In the prosecution of this object, it is to be feared, that so large an Army must suffer for want of Provisions. The distance between this & the Eastern States, whence considerable supplies of Flesh have been hitherto drawn, will necessarily render those supplies extremely precarious; And unless the virtuous Yeomanry of the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland & Virginia, will exert themselves to prepare Cattle for the use of the Army during the Months of May, June & July next, great difficulties may arise in the course of the Campaign. It is therefore recommended to the inhabitants of those States, to put up & feed immediately as many of their Stock Cattle as they can spare, so as they may be driven to this Army within that period. A bountiful price will be given, and the proprietors may assure themselves that they will render a most essential service to the illustrious cause of their Country, & contribute in a great degree to shorten this bloody contest. But should there be any so insensible to the common interest as not to exert themselves upon these generous principles, the private interest of those whose situation makes them liable to become immediate Subjects to the enemy's incursions, should prompt them at least to a a measure which is calculated to save their property from plunder, their families from insult, & their own persons from abuse, hopeless confinement, or perhaps a violent death.

(Signed) "G. WASHINGTON.

"HEAD QUARTERS, Valley Forge,
"February 28, 1778."

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday February 27, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	James Edgar, &	
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Morgan,	

The Justices of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Westmoreland having recommended Archibald Lochry, Esq'r, to be a person qualified to act as Clerk of the said Court; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Archibald Lochry, Esq'r, be appointed Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of Westmoreland.

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The following representation to the Hon'ble House of Representatives having been now read and considered, Vizt:

"LANCASTER, February 26th, 1778.

"*To the Honorable the House of Representatives of the Freemen of the State of Pennsylvania:*

"*The Supreme Executive Council of the said State represent:*

"That from the excessive price of all the necessaries of life, and other circumstances attending the present situation of this State, the salaries and fees heretofore established, or allowed to the respective Civil Officers of this State, is found not to be now a reasonable compensation for the duties of such Officers, whereby the execution of the laws hath been greatly impeded, and in some cases rendered impracticable to be executed, and, therefore, claims the serious attention of the Legislature; That after having made enquiry for proper persons to engage in the recruiting service, upon the encouragement given by your Honourable House, the Council was obliged to apply to His Excellency General Washington, to recommend Officers of the Army for this purpose. The gentlemen named by him have entered upon the business under great disadvantages, confiding that their case will be considered by the General Assembly, and such further compensation allowed them as the House, in their wisdom, shall judge to be reasonable and adequate to the expense of this duty; And we have assured them that Council would endeavour to obtain the attention of the Honorable House to this matter; That it appears to Council to be worthy of the consideration of your Honorable House, whether the exempting from militia duty for a certain time each man who shall take up a Deserter from the Continental Army and deliver him to some proper officer, may not be attended with considerable success in filling up a Quota of Troops in the Army, and preventing of desertion; That the case of those Prisoners arrested as dangerous and disaffected persons, agreeable to the recommendation, and under this authority sent into the State of Virginia as a place of more security than this State was at that time supposed to be, appears to require your serious attention; not only as it relates to these gentlemen in particular, but also to a great number of others who have refused or neglected to give the assurance of allegiance to the State which is required by law; And that there are several persons confined in the Goals of this State for refusing to give assurance of allegiance, who cannot, as the law now stands, be sent into the State to which they belong, although they may be able and willing to give security for their immediate return there, and to submit themselves to the Laws of such State.

N. B.—A Memorial from these people addressed to the Council, is sent herewith.

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Ordered, The same be presented to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, together with the remonstrance received from the Prisoners sent from this State into the State of Virginia, under the authority of Congress.

The Council taking into consideration the return of Justices from the several Townships in the County of Bedford,

Ordered, That Henry Rhodes, Will'm Tyshur, James Wells, Francis More & David Jones, be appointed Justices of the Peace for the said County of Bedford, & that they be Commissioned accordingly.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday February 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	James Edgar, &	
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Morgan,	

Lieutenant John Cobea having laid before Council a Certificate signed by Will'm Henry, Esq'r, that Peter Magee, Amos Tharp & Dan'l Ramsdale, have voluntarily inlisted with him, and were sworn before the said Will'm Henry, Esq'r, and requested a further supply of Money; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. John Cobea, for the Sum of One hundred and Fifty Dollars, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Dunlap, for the Sum of Three hundred & two Pounds. Two Shillings & Six Pence, for Printing Work done by him.

Archibald Loehry, Esq'r, Prothonotary of the County of Westmorland, having made Oath, that on or about the 16th day of this instant, Feb'ry, agreeable to an Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania, he had demanded in Writing of Mich'l Hoofnagle, Esq'r, late Prothonotary of the County of Westmorland, all the Books, Papers, Records & Seals belonging to the Prothonotary's Office, of & for the said County, and that the said Mich'l Hoofnagle then did, and hitherto hath refused & neglected to deliver the same or any part thereof; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Mich'l Hoofnagle, Esq'r, be Arrested & confined according to Law, and that the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland be authorized & directed to aid & assist the said Archibald Loehry, Esq'r, in the searching for, & procuring the said Books, Papers, &ca., and if necessary, to break open in the day time, any House or Houses where the same may suspected to be.

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The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Monday March 2, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	James Edgar, &	
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Morgan,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Christ'n Wirtz, Town Major, for the Sum of Three hundred & Eighty-nine Pounds Two Shillings & Seven Pence, Money advanced by him, & his Pay, &ca.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday March 3, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	James Edgar, &	
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Morgan,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Tho's Urie, Esq'r, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be charged to him.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday March 4, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	James Edgar, &	
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Morgan,	

Some difficulties having arisen with respect to the Pay of the Commissioners appointed by the Council of Safety to purchase Cloathing, & the same being now considered,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Council, that the allowance ordered by the Council of Safety, made to the Commissioners appointed by them for collecting of Cloathing, be paid by the

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Clothier General of the United States; & if he shall judge that any charge made for this service is too high, it is recommended to him not to Pay the same, unless the Party shall qualify to the truth of his account.

The Hon'ble House of Assembly having been informed that the Council had received the Resolves of Congress respecting the Magazines to be laid up for the Army;

The orders of the board of War to their Superintendants;

The orders issued by the Superintendants to the Militia; & divers other Papers relating to this business, the whole No. 1 @ 9 inclusive;

A Committee of the House attended in Council to confer on this important Business. This Committee consisted of Mr. Bayard, (the Speaker of the House,) Mr. Knox, Mr. Lollur, Mr. Lowman, Mr. McLene, Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Lowry & Mr. Ralston.

And the said Papers from No. 1 @ 9 inclusive, were read, & the same being taken into consideration, & some time being spent thereon,

Agreed, That a Representation of the situation of the business of establishing the Magazines be drawn up & laid before the House of Assembly, & with their approbation presented to the Hon'ble Congress.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Thursday March 5, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, Thomas Urie, Thomas Scott, James Edgar, & Jacob Morgan, } Esq'rs.

The Committee of General Assembly again met in conference on the business of establishing Magazines, and the following representation was read, Viz't.:

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And after a second reading, Agreed:

That the said Representation be laid before the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, & that the same be forwarded to Congress, with the approbation of the House, be signed by the President & the Speaker of the House.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday, March 6, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	James Edgar, &	
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Morgan,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Dehaven, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

A Letter from His Excell'y the President of Congress, dated March 1st, 1778, enclosing Resolves of Congress of 26th of Feb'ry, respecting Prisoners & Quota of Troops, and return of deficiencies in the Quotas of the several States of the Continental Army;

A Letter from the Committee of Congress at Camp, proposing that this State furnish 250 Horses for the Army;

Ordered, That the same be laid before the Hon'ble House of General Assembly.

A Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly informed the Council that James McLene & R. Whitehill, Esq'rs, are appointed by the House to attend the Congress at Yorktown, &ca,

Ordered, That the Hon'ble Tho's Scott, Esq, be appointed to attend on Congress, in conjunction with the Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, to present the joint representation of Council & General Assembly respecting the establishing of Magazines for the Army, and to confer with the Delegates of Pennsylvania in Congress, & such others as Congress may appoint on this business; and also on the Subject of the Prisoners now in Virginia, and others, mentioned in the address of this day, which last mentioned Address is as follows, Viz't.:

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday March 7, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Scott,
John Hambright, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
Thomas Urie, Jacob Morgan.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Adam Hubley, for One Thousand Dollars, for the recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That Mr. Hambright procure as many Saddles as he can get made in this Borough, until further orders, on the best terms he is able.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Monday March 9, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Scott,
John Hambright, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
Thomas Urie, Jacob Morgan.

Letter from Gen'l Washington, dated 7th inst., respecting Waggons, were read and considered;

Ordered, That extracts from the joint Representations of the Council & Gen'l Assembly to Congress of the 6th instant & of a Letter of the — instant, in reply to his Letter, & such remarks as may further explain these extracts.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday March 10, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Scott,
John Hambright, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
Thomas Urie, Jacob Morgan.

The Council having consulted with the members of General Assembly,

Ordered, That blank in Council book

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday March 11, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	James Edgar, &	
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Morgan.	

Letter from Henry Laurens, Esq'r, inclosing Six blank Commissions for private Ships of War.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Thomas Dorsey, Paymaster of Militia, for the Sum of Three thousand Dollars, for which he is to account. (Paid Postage 7s 6, Ex. 7 letters.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mich'l Muhlenberg, for the Sum of Seventy-five Pounds, in part of his account for carrying the Quaker Prisoners to Winchester, in Virginia, and to be charged to his account until the same can be settled, and be finally charged to Congress.

The Clerk of the House presented to Council a minute of General Assembly of yesterday, appointing Rob't Wilson, Esq'r, a Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Chester, in the room and stead of Colo. Tho's Strawbridge, & the same being read,

Ordered, That the said Rob't Wilson be Commissioned accordingly.

Rob't Trail, Esq'r, having declined to accept of the Office of Store-keeper for the County of Northampton; thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Cha's Desler be appointed Store-keeper for the County of Northampton, to receive, inspect, store and take of the Provisions to be Stored in the County of Northampton, by order of Congress, & to issue the same by order of the board of War; paid 14s 6.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday March 12, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Hambright,	James Edgar, &	
Thomas Urie,	Jacob Morgan.	

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The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Friday March 13, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Tho's Scott, John Hambright, James Edgar, & Thomas Urie, Jacob Morgan. } Esq'rs.

Hon'ble T's Scott, Esq'r, having received Forty thousand Dollars on a Warrant of Congress, dated the 10th ins., drawn in favor of this Council, & paid the same to the Treasurer of this State, now laid the Treasurer's receipt for the said 40,000 Dollars before the Council.

James Patton, Deputy Waggon Master for the township of Conestoga, represented to Council that divers persons in the said Township who were duly summoned according to Law, to attend with their Waggons for the service of their Army, had neglected, & still continued to neglect to attend; and that on application by him made to Colo. Michael Haberstick, for assistance from the Militia, that he had not been supplied therewith; thereupon,

Ordered, That Col. Michael Haberstick be commanded forthwith to furnish a sufficient Guard to the said James Patton, to bring in the said delinquents.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Jacob Morgan, for the Sum of Three Pounds, paid by him for an express, to be charged to Congress.

The Council taking into consideration the resolve of Congress for recommending a Fast; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the following Proclamation be Published:

"LANCASTER, March 18.

By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"A PROCLAMATION:

"WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States of America, by their Resolve of the Seventh day of March instant, have recommended in the following words, Vizt:

"'WHEREAS Almighty God, in the righteous dispensation of his Providence, hath permitted the continuation of a cruel & desolating war in our land; & it being at all times the duty of a people to acknowledge God in all his ways, & more especially to humble themselves before him when evident tokens of his displeasure are

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manifested, to acknowledge his righteous government, confess & forsake their evil ways & implore his Mercy :'

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the United States of America to set apart Wednesday, the Twenty-Second day of April next, to be observed as a day of Fasting, Humiliation, & Prayer; hat at one time and with one voice, the inhabitants may acknowldge the righteous dispensation of divine Providence, & confess their iniquities & transgressions, for which the land mourneth; that they may implore the mercy & forgiveness of God, & beseech him that vice, profaneness, extortion, & every evil, may be done away, & that we may be a reformed & happy people; that they may unite in humble & earnest Supplication, that it may please Almighty God to Guard & defend us against our enemies and give vigour and success to our military operations by Sea & land; that it may please him to bless the civil rulers & people, strengthen & perpetuate our Union, & in his own good time establish in the peaceable enjoyment of our rights & liberties; that it may please him to bless our Schools & Seminaries of learning, & to make them nurseres of true piety, virtue & useful knowledge; that it may please him to cause the earth to yield its increase, & to crown the year with his goodness. And it is recommended to the inhabitants of the United States, to abstain on that day from labor & recreation."

"*And Whereas*, it hath pleased God to suffer the enemy to take possession of our Capital, & the distresses attending on War have fallen heavy on the State, whereby it is become peculiarly necessary for the inhabitants to humble themselves before him who governs the Universe & turneth the hearts of men as he pleaseth. And therefore, as well as in due respect to the said recommendation of Congress, We do hereby most earnestly recommend to the good people of this Commonwealth to set apart Wednesday, the Twenty-Second day of April next, for the pious purposes mentioned in the said resolve, & that they abstain on that day from labor & recreation.

"*Given* at Lancaster this thirteenth day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-Eight.

"By order of Council,

"THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

"Attest TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary."

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday March 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President

Joseph Hart, Thomas Scott,
John Hambright, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
Thomas Urie, Jacob Morgan,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Bartholomew Bowen, of the 9th Penn'a Reg't, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting Service.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Monday March 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Urie,
Jacob Morgan, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
James Edgar, Thomas Scott,

Ordered, That Major Watkins be directed to send a Block of Tin, & about three times its weight of Lead, to Mr. J. S. Howell, Receiver General of Cloathing, to make Buttons of for Soldiers' Cloathing.

Mr. Will'm Crispin, Commissary, having written to the President & Council in the following words, Vizt:

"To the President & Council at Lancaster.

"Dear Sir:

"I bought of Mr. Irwin 21 hhds. Rum, before we left Phila., amounting to 2396 Gal's, at 35s P Gallon; he has called on me for the money, which I had not; he desired a draught for the amount, which is £4193, which please to give an order to Mr. Rittenhouse, who will charge me with it. I am yours to serve,

"(Signed) WM. CRISPIN.

"Trenton, Jan'y 20, 1778."

And the same was underwritten thus, "Please pay the above contents to Mr. John Dunlap, or Order.

"(Signed,) MATH'W IRWIN."

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And an order was drawn on the same, in the following Words, Vizt:

"In Council.

"LANCASTER, Mar. 16, 1778.

"Sir:

"Pay to Mr. John Dunlap the Amount of the within order, & charge the same to Mr. Will'm Crispin, Commissary

"(Signed) THO'S WHARTON, jun'r.

"To Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer."

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday March 17, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Urie,
Jacob Morgan, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
James Edgar, Thomas Scott.

The Clerk of General Assembly sent in to the Council the following Resolve, Vizt:

"In General Assembly, Monday Mar. 16, 1778, P. M.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That the Wages of each Member of the Hon'ble the Executive Council of this State, during the time he shall attend the Public Service, shall be Thirty Shillings ℔ Diem; And that they be allowed Ten Pence for each Mile, for their travelling charges.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"Signed, JOHN MORRIS, jr.,

"Cl'k of the Gen'l Ass'y."

Ordered, That the Commissaries for the Navy Department, who have heretofore been employed, be allowed three ℔ centum on the amount of their Purchases, in full for their services in buying and issuing Provisions & Liquors.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday March 18, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, Tho's Urie, John Hambright, & Thomas Scott. } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Wm. C. Bradford, Pay Master of the Navy, for the Sum of Fifty Pounds, for which he is to account.

Col. Gibson, Commanding Officer at this Station, informed the Council that he had orders from His Excell'y General Washington, to march the Troops under his Command to Camp with all expedition; thereupon,

Ordered, That the eighth Class of Militia of the County of York, be immediately called into service & sent to this Borough.

The Council being informed That John Hubley, Esq'r, has received orders from the Board of War to remove the Powder and other Ammunition from this Borough over the Susquehanna; and as the necessity of keeping a supply of Cartridges for the Guards, &ca, is evident; therefore,

Ordered, That John Hubley, Esq'r, be directed to supply Major Wirtz with as much Gunpowder as will fill Twenty thousand Cartridges; & that Maj. Wirtz make up that number of Cartridges for the Guards of this Borough.

Ordered, That Bart'm Galbraith, Esq'r, Lieut. of this County, be directed to furnish a guard of 200 Militia, to serve in this Borough, to guard the Prisoners & other purposes.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday March 19, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, Tho's Urie, John Hambright, & Tho's Scott. } Esq'rs.

Mr. James Patton, Deputy Waggon Master of this County, attended the Council & informed that Colo. Haberstick has not furnished him with the Guard ordered by Council; thereupon,

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Ordered, That the Secretary write to Col. Haberstick & desire his immediate attendance, to assign the reason why he hath not furnished the said Guard.

Mr. Peter Dehaven being upon business to Camp, & informing Council that the piece of ground on which the Powder Mills were erected may suffer for want of care; thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Peter Dehaven be directed to let, for this season, the piece of Ground on which the Powder Mills stood, on the best terms he can, reserving nevertheless, a right to rebuild the Mills if it shall be found necessary.

The Council met.

LANCASTER Friday March 20, 1778.

PRESENT.

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, Tho's Urie, John Hambright, & Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.

A Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly attended in Council, & desired to be informed at whose expence the Public buildings in this Borough & elsewhere has been erected, and they were referred to the Minutes of the Council of Safety.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday March 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, Tho's Urie, John Hambright, & Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.

The application of Twenty-three inhabitants of the Town of York, in the County of York, praying that Jacob Eichelberger, (who was elected with Will'm Leas, Esq'r, on the 10th March last;) & also Mich'l Hahn, of the Town of York aforesaid, may be appointed & Commissioned to be Justices of the Peace for the said County of York, being now read & considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That Jacob Eichelberger be appointed & Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of York.

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There appearing to be no Money in the hands of the Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland, & the Recruiting Parties in that County being in want of Money, An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Colo. Will'm Clark, for the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars, to be delivered to Col. John Caruthers, Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland, to be by him paid into the hands of the Officers recruiting for the Battalions of this State. Mich'l Kuhns was proposed by Col. Clarke to forward this Money by.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz't.:

In favor of Mr. John Beaton, Paymaster of the Militia of Chester County, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, to be charged to Tho's Dorsey, Pay-master of Militia.

In favor of Col. Will'm Clark, Paymaster of the Militia of Cumberland County, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to be charged to Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster of Militia.

In favor of Colo. Rich'd McCallister, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, the same to be by him delivered to Mr Will'm Scott, Paymaster of the Militia of York County, to be charged to Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster of Militia.

Col. Rich'd M'Callister paid to the Secretary the Sum of 283½ Dollars, Bills of Credit of New York, which he received of the Council last Spring, & hath not been able to pass, & has therefore returned them.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday March 23, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, Tho's Urie, John Hambright, & Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Samuel Atlee, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to him.

An order was drawn on Will'm Henry, Esq'r, in favor of Col. Sam'l Hays, Sub Lieut. of the County of Westmorland, for Eighty Riffles, to be put into the hands of Arch'd Lochry, Esq'r, Lieut. of the said County, for the use of the Militia.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Burgh, for the Sum of Three Pounds, for riding express with Money to Colo. Watson, Commissary, for purchasing Provisions, &ca., to be charged to Congress.

Col. Hubley having recommended to the Council Lieu. John Steel as an Officer well qualified for, and proper to be employed in the

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Recruiting Service, & desired that he may be furnished with Money for this Purpose, to recruit in this County or York County; (Order to Recruit in Lancaster;) Thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. John Steel, of the —th Penns'a Reg't, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Tho's Scott, Esq'r, for the Sum of One Hundred & Thirty-two Pounds Sixteen Shillings & Eight Pence, Balance due for his attendance in Council 210 days, a 35s. & Mileage 274 Miles going & same distance coming, equal to 548 Miles, a 10d. each.

Ordered, That Philip Kreamer be appointed Coroner of the County of Berks.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Christ'r Hays, Esq'r, Sub-Lieut. of Westmorland County, for the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be charged to Arch'd Lochry, Esq'r, the Lieut. of the said County.

An order was drawn on the Town Major in favor of Colonel And'w Boyd, Sub-Lieut. of Chester County, for 2000 Musket Cartridges.

It being represented to Council that the People of the County of Chester continued to carry provisions into the City of Philadelphia, and that

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, for the Sum of One hundred & Ninety-nine Pounds & ten Shillings, balance due to him for 147 days' attendance in Council, & Mileage.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Tho's Heslip, Esq'r, One of the Commissioners for purchasing Flour in the County of Chester, for the Sum of Nine thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday March 24, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, Esq'r, President

Joseph Hart, Thomas Urie, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, for the Sum of One thousand & five hundred Pounds, to purchase Horses with for the purpose of mounting the Cavalry, agreeable to the request of a Committee of Congress, at Head Quarters; for which Sum he is to account.

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Congress by their Resolve of 19th instant, having

Resolved, That the Government of the State of Pennsylvania be requested to Station five hundred Militia at the following places in this State, under active & prudent Officers, Vizt: Two hundred men at Easton, One hundred at Bethlehem, and Two hundred at Reading, for the defence of the Magazines of Military & other Stores & Provisions at these places; & to keep the communication Secure from any sudden incursions of the Enemy, until the board of War or Gen'l Washington, shall think it expedient to discharge the said Militia; Thereupon,

Ordered, That three hundred of the Militia of the County of Northampton be ordered for Guards at Bethlehem & Easton, & 200 Militia of the County of Berks for guards at Reading.

The Council having received information that Henry Sokiles, who &ca., and Tho's Boyd, James Wilson, John Hastings & Cha's Caldwell, who, &ca., have not yet been taken, &ca.; thereupon,

Ordered, That a reward of Two hundred Dollars be offered by Proclamation, for each & every of the said Henry Skeles, &ca.

The following being approved was ordered to be Published in due form:

"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"A PROCLAMATION:

"WHEREAS, A certain Benjamin Hammon was lately most cruelly & barbarously murdered, in the County of Chester, in this Commonwealth:

"*And Whereas*, an inquisition taken on the body of the said Benjamin Hammon, & by depositions taken before sundry Justices of the said Commonwealth, there is great reason to believe that a certain Henry Skyles, late of the County of Lancaster, in the said Commonwealth, Yeoman, did feloniously kill and murder the said Benjamin Hammon, & that Thomas Boyd, Jas Willson, John Hastings, ————————, and Charles Caldwell, of the said County of Lancaster, Yeomen, together with others who have surrendered themselves, were feloniously present, comforting, abetting & aiding the said Henry Skyles, to do & commit the said murder:

"*And Whereas*, it is at all times, but more especially in the present situation of our affairs, of the utmost consequence to the peace of the Commonwealth, that the perpetrators of such attrocious offences should be brought to condign & exemplary punishment, and the endeavours hitherto used for apprehending & securing the said offenders have proved ineffectual:

"We have therefore thought fit to issue this Proclamation, hereby offering & promising a Reward of Two hundred Dollars, to be paid out of the Public Treasury of this Commonwealth, to such person

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or persons who shall apprehend the said Henry Skyles, & deliver him into the Custody of the Keeper of the Goal of either of the Counties of Lancaster, Berks or York, in this Commonwealth; And also, hereby offering & promising a like reward of Two hundred Dollars, for each & every of them the said Thomas Boyd, James Wilson, John Hastings, ———— ————, & Charles Caldwell, to be paid as aforesaid, to such person or persons who shall apprehend & secure them, or any of them, in either or any of the gaols aforesaid.

"And we do hereby strictly charge & command all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables & other Officers, & all other the Citizens of this Commonwealth, to make diligent search & pursuit after the said Henry Skyles, Thomas Boyd, James Wilson, John Hastings, ———— ————, & Charles Caldwell, & to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend & secure them, that they may be proceeded against according to Law.

"Given under the Seal of the said Commonwealth, at Lancaster, the Twenty-fourth day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-eight.

"(Signed,) THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Pres't.

"Attest—T. MATLACK, Secret'y."

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday March 25, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, Tho's Urie, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.

The Council taking into consideration the State of the Militia now in the Field,

Ordered, That the Seventh & Eighth Classes of the Militia of Cumberland, the first Class of Philadelphia County, be called into service immediately, & sent to Gen'l Lacy's Camp.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Clarke, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, to be charged to Capt. Tho. Dorsey, Paymaster of the Militia.

Mr. Adam Reigart informed the Council that he had begun to purchase Horses, agreeable to his orders, & desired to know where they were to be sent to for the present.

Ordered, That Mr. Reigart be directed to apply to Mr. Ross, deputy Q'r M'r, for an apartment of the Continental stables in this Borough, & forage for the Horses which he shall procure; And that Mr. Reigart appoint a Trusty person to take care of them.

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Mr. Marshall Edwards, late Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That Colo. Rob't Lollar be appointed Paymaster of the Militia of Philadelphia County.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. John Shields, for the Sum of Thirty-five Pounds, for the Carriage of 72 Riffles from Shippensburgh to Westmorland.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday March 26, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, Tho's Urie, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

The Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, being now about to go into the County of Northumberland, & its being doubtful whether Mr. Wm. Gray & Mr. John Little, Commissioners for the purchasing of Provisions in that County, have been able or will be able to lay out any considerable Sum of the Four thousand Dollars sent to them for that purpose; therefore,

Ordered, That the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, be requested to call on the said Will'm Gray & John Little, & enquired what they have done in said business; & he is hereby authorized to receive from them, & each of them, what Monies may remain in their hands.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Philip Marsteller, Esq'r, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, for paying the Militia with, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm C. Bradford, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, to be by him delivered to Will'm Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet, and to be charged to the said William Crispin.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm C. Bradford, Paymaster of the State Fleet, for the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday March 27, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
Jonat'n Hoge, Tho's Urie, }

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Young, Esq'r, Waggon Master of the State, for the Sum of Seven hundred & fifty Pounds, for which he is to account.

Mr. Young & Mr. Bailey, the Waggon Master of Lancaster County, having now represented to Council that the Pay of the Officers in the Waggon department is so low that they are not able to procure suitable persons to execute the law, & that many of those who have acted hitherto are under the necessity of resigning; thereupon,

Ordered, That this Council will represent to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly the low Pay allowed to the Officers under the Waggon Law, & will use their influence with the House to induce them to make the same more adequate to the duty.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Shriver, Summers, & Lasky, for the Sum of Eight hundred & fourteen Pounds five Shillings & one Penny, for Provisions furnished to the Fleet, & charge the same to Will'm Crispin, Commissary of the Fleet.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday March 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, Tho's Urie, }

The Hon'ble the Speaker of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly presented in Council the following order, to Wit:

"In General Assembly, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1778.

"Gentlemen:—

"Pay to David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of this State, or to his order, the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit,

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issued by Congress, or by this Commonwealth, for the use of this State.

"(Signed) JOHN BAYARD, Speaker.

"To John Thome & John Agnew, Esq'rs, Trustees of the General Loan Office of the State of Pennsylvania."

Ordered, That the same be delivered to the Treasurer.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Henry Spyker, Esq'r, Paymaster of the Militia of Berks County, for the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, to be charged to Capt. Tho's Dorsey, Pay M'r of Militia.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Arndt & Dav'd Deshler, Esq'rs, Commissioners appointed by Law to purchase Provisions, &ca, in Northampton County, for the use of the Army, they to be accountable.

The Hon'ble House of General Assembly having this day appointed Capt. John Trevis to be one of the Sub-Lieutenants of the County of York, in the room & stead of James McCandless,

Ordered, That he be Commissioned accordingly.

The Sum of Thirty-five thousand Dollars was this day paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, being what now remains undistributed of the Sum of One Hundred & Thirty-nine Thousand Dollars sent to Council by Congress, for the purchase of Provisions, &ca, as appears by the Receipt of the said Treasurer.

The Council met.

LANCASTER Monday March 30, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, Jonathan Hoge, Jacob Arndt, & Tho's Urie, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Stephen Sutton, for the Sum of Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings, for riding express, by order of the Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Benj'n Bartholomew, (of the 5th Penns'a Batt'n,) for the Sum of Three Hundred & Forty-eight Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

The Hon'ble John Bailey, Esq'r, having by his Letter of the 23d instant, resigned his Seat as Councellor for the County of Lancaster; thereupon,

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Ordered, That a Writ be issued to the Sheriff of the said County, to hold an election of a Councellor for the said County of Lancaster, in the room & stead of the said John Bailey, Esq'r, & make return thereof on or before Tuesday the 28th day of April next.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday March 31, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Jonathan Hoge, Tho's Urie. } Esq'rs.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Tho's Urie, Esq'r, Viz't:

For the Sum of One hundred & Fifty-six Pounds Eighteen Shillings & four Pence, being the balance due to him for 140 days attendance in Council, & Mileage, 148 Miles.

For the Sum of Ninety-Seven Pounds & ten Shillings for the Carriage of 164 Riffles from this place to Bedford, to be charged to John Piper, Esq'r, Lieut. of the County of Bedford.

For the Sum of Eight Pounds fifteen Shillings & Six Pence, for his extra expences on thirteen days journey on Public Service by order of Council. And also,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Ralston, Esq'r, for the sum of One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, to be by him delivered to Abraham Lavan, for the purpose of purchasing Horses to mount the Cavalry, agreeable to a request of the Committee from Congress, at Camp, to be charged to Mr. Levan.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Burkholder, Esq'r, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, to be by him delivered to Mr. Philip Boehm, Paymaster of the Militia of Northampton County, to be charged to Capt. Thomas Dorsey, Pay Master of the State Militia.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Adam Reigart, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds to purchase Horses with, agreeable to the request of the Committee of Congress at Camp, for which he is to account.

And the following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz't:

In favor of Rob't Curry, for taking up a Deserter, & his expences, for £4 18 3, (Butler's Co., 3d Penns'a Reg't.)

In favor of Will'm Clark, Esq'r, Paymaster of Cumberland Militia, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be charged to Capt. T. Dorsey, Paymaster of the State.

In favor of Will'm C. Bradford, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, for Paying the Fleet, for which he is to account.

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In favor of Capt. Joseph Irwin, of the 9th Penns'a Reg't, for the Sum of Eight hundred & twelve Dollars, for the purpose of Recruiting, for which he is to account.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday April 1, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, Jonat'n Hoge, & Jacob Morgan, Jac. Arndt. } Esq'rs.

The following Resolves of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly being read, Viz't:

"In General Assembly, April 1, 1778, P. M.

"A Letter from Tho's Hartley, Esq'r, Colonel of one of the Congress Regiments, to the Speaker, desiring leave to inlist for his Regiment within this State, & to be furnished with the bounty granted by this State for Recruits, & inclosing a resolve of Congress, that the men so inlisted should be considered as part of the quota of this State, was read, & it was thereupon

"*Resolved*, That the said Col. Hartley be permitted to enlist within this State, & that the men so by him recruited, be entitled to the bounty lately granted by this State for Soldiers inlisted for the Regiments of this State."

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Tho's Hartley, Esq'r, Colo of the Congress Reg't, for the Sum of Five Thousand Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the first Class of the Militia of the County of Bucks be immediately called into service, & sent to Gen'l Lacy's Camp.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Will'm Clark, Pay Master of Militia for Cumberland County, for the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds, to be charged to Capt. Tho. Dorsey, Pay Master of Militia.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Matthew Scott, of the 13th Penns'a Reg't, for the Sum of Eight hundred & twelve Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Fred'k Antis, or to his order, the Sum of One thousand and Five hundred Pounds, to be delivered to Col. Weiss of Philadelphia County, to

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purchase Horses with, agreeable to the request Committee of the from Congress at Camp, for which Colo. Weiss is to account.

The Council taking into consideration the case of John Brown. now under Parole at Manheim; thereupon,

Ordered, That John Brown, now on Parole at Manheim, be directed to attend in this Borough, & that he be here discharged from the same.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Fred'k Watt, John Stuart, Alexa. Murry, jun'r, & Church Coxe, be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Cumberland.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Tho's Jordan, Pay M'r of Militia in the County of Northumberland, for the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, to be charged to Capt. Thomas Dorsey, Pay Master of Militia.

The Hon'ble House of General Assembly having this day appointed George Wall, Esq'r, to be Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Bucks;

Ordered, That the said George Wall, Esq'r, be Commissioned accordingly.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday April 2d, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, Jonat'n Hoge, & Jacob Morgan, Jac'b Arndt, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Peter Dehaven, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, for which he is to acco't.

It having been reported that Rich'd Backhouse, of Easton, a Deputy under R. L. Hooper, D. Q. M., has lately sent to Boston a Brigade of Waggons, which it is suspected were Public Waggons, drawing Public Forage, & that they have been employed in bringing Merchandise from Boston on some private account; whereupon,

Ordered, Tho's Silliman, Sam'l Rea, Esq'rs, of the County of Northampton, be required to Summons such persons as may be probably acquainted with the said transaction, & fully examine them on Oath concerning it, & to take the necessary measures for securing all persons which may be concerned in carrying on this or any other public fraud, and make Report of their proceedings herein, as well to do justice to the United States as to the Character of Mr. Backhouse, if the report shall appear to have been without foundation.

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The Hon'ble House of General Assembly having entered into the three following Resolves:

"In General Assembly, April 1, 1778, A. M.

"WHEREAS, It is absolutely necessary that the quota of this State towards the Continental Army should be raised with the utmost expedition, And that all means should be used for attaining that important end,

1. "*Resolved*, That the Sum of Sixteen Dollars, lately resolved by this House to be paid to the recruiting Officer for each Soldier he shall inlist, shall also be paid to any person within this State, who shall procure an able-bodied recruit to inlist in any regiment belonging to this State, which said Sum shall be paid to the said person by the Lieutenant or nearest Sub-Lieutenant of the County, upon his delivering the said Recruit to him, together with an attestation of such inlistment, under the hand & Seal of some Justice of the County.

2d. "*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Supreme Executive Council to call upon the Lieutenants & Sub-Lieutenants of the several Counties of this State, for fair & exact lists, distinguishing battalions & Companies, of all the Officers & Soldiers within this State, which shall be delivered in, on or before the first day of May next.

3d. "*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the said Supreme Executive Council, to endeavour to procure the most exact & accurate accounts of what will be the deficiency of the quota of this State on the said first day of May next; and that thereupon, & as soon as the said deficiency shall be known, the Council will fix, ascertain & allot to each of the said battalions the quota, proportion, or number of men required of it for completing the Troops of this State; and as soon as the said requisition and allotment are made known to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, the Field Officers thereof shall meet together & allot, fix & ascertain the number of men required of each Company of the said battalion, and the same being notified to the Commanding Officer of each Company, the Officers thereof shall procure by draught, lot, or any other means whatsoever, the number of Men required of the said Company; And the said men shall be delivered by the Commanding Officers of the Companies respectively, to the Lieutenant or nearest Sub-Lieutenant of the County, within ten days after such requisition made to the Company, who shall give a Certificate of their being received; and the said Lieutenant or Sub-Lieutenant shall deliver the same men to the nearest recruiting Officer, who shall also give a Certificate of their receipt. And the said men so draughted or otherwise procured, shall serve as Soldiers in the Continental Army for the space of nine months, or during the Campaign, unless sooner discharged.

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4th. "*Resolved*, That every Militia Man who shall voluntarily inlist himself without draughting or lot, in pursuance of these Resolves, shall be exempted from all Taxes for one Year after his time of Service elapsed;" Thereupon,

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the several Counties be required immediately to make the returns to this Council as ordered by the above 2nd Resolve, & that he take care to have them made on or before the said first day of May.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Colo. John Bird, for the Sum of One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, to be by him forwarded to Mr. James Ramsay, of Bedford County, to Purchase Horses, agreeable to the request of the Committee of Congress.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Rob't Culbertson, of Cumberland County, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to purchase Horses with to mount the Cavalry, agreeable to the request of the Committee of Congress at Camp.

The Hon'ble House of Assembly having nominated Thomas Levis, Esq'r, to be a Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Chester,

Ordered, That he be commissioned accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Stephen Cochran, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, to be by him paid to Mr. Sam'l Futhey, of the County of Chester, to purchase Horses with to mount the Cavalry, agreeable to the request of the Committee of Congress, lately at Camp.

The Hon'ble House of Assembly having appointed George Reading, Esq'r, to be a Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Westmorland, in the room and stead of James Pollock, who is superceeded because he hath not taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered, That he be Commissioned accordingly.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday April 3, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Morgan, Jona'n Hoge, & Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.

The following Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of yesterday being read, in the following words, Viz:

"In Gen'l Assembly, April 2d, 1778, A. M.

"*Resolved*, That the Hon'ble Mr. Speaker, Colo. Knox, Doct. Gardner, Colo. Clark & Mr. McLene, be a Committee to confer with

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the Council on the best means of reducing three Reg'ts belonging to the quota of this State, & also to resolve & determine in conjunction with Council, which Regiments and what officers shall be so reduced; & that they make report of their proceedings to this House at their next Sitting."

The Hon'ble the Speaker of the House, Colo. King, Col. Clark, & Mr. McLene, of the Committee mentioned in the foregoing Resolve of the Hon'ble House, & also the Hon'ble Joseph Reed, Esq'r, one of a Committee of Congress lately at Camp, attended in Council.

The present State of the Thirteen Battalions belonging to this Commonwealth, now being read before the Council & Gentlemen in conference & in the Continental Service, the circumstances attending them respectively, carefully attended to by them; and after a full discussion of the difficulties arising from the various modes proposed for reducing the three Regiments, agreeable to the Resolution of Congress,

Ordered, That the 13th, 12th & 11th be joined with some other of the Regiments.

That as the State of the Second & third Battalions require considerable alterations to be made, the 13th Battalion be incorporated with the Second, & that Colo. Walter Stewart take the Command in the room of Colo. Becker.

That the Twelfth Battalion be incorporated with the third Battalion.

That the Eleventh Battalion be incorporated with the tenth, being the next youngest Battalion; and that Colo. Humphreys take the Command in the room of Colo. Nagle.

That the arrangement of the other Officers be submitted to the direction of the Committee of the Hon'ble Congress, lately sent to Camp, as they will be possessed of the best information whereon to found a judgment herein. At the same time, it is recommended to them to regard the date of Commissions where there is equal merit; but as the reason on which the rule adopted in such cases in older Countries is founded, does not fully extend to a service so new as that of the United States of America is, where there are deficiencies in the conduct of any Officer, and it appears to be for the interest of the Service to remove him & to advance others in consideration of merit, that the interest of the service be allowed its due weight.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday April 4, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Jonathan Hoge, & James Edgar, Jacob Morgan, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

Colo. Broadhead attended the Council & represented the necessity of Bayonets in his Battalion, & the great difficulty of procuring workmen to make them; On consideration,

Ordered, That if it shall happen to be the Tour of duty in the Militia, of any Workman which shall be employed in making Bayonets & Belts for Colonel Broadhead's Brigade, he shall continue in that employment, & be allowed Rations & Pay as if actually in the field, & that it be considered as a performance of his Tour of duty for such time as he shall be actually employed in making such Bayonets & Belts; and that the Lieutenants & Sub-Lieutenants of the County are hereby directed to take care that this Resolve be faithfully executed, without abuses of any kind.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob S. Howell, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday April 6, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, & Jonat'n Hoge, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

The Hon'ble Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, having resigned his Seat in Council; thereupon,

Ordered, That a Writ be issued to the Sheriff of the County of Berks, commanding him to hold an Election for chusing a Councellor for the said County, agreeable to the Constitution, & make return thereof on or before Tuesday the 6th of May next.

A Letter from His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, inclosing one from Mrs. Mary Pemberton to him, requesting a Protection for one or more Waggons, & for the persons who may be employed to go with them to Winchester, to carry necessaries for the Prisoners sent there from this State; On consideration,

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Ordered, That a Protection be granted for Two Waggons & the necessary persons to take care of them, & conduct them to this borough, on their way to the said Prisoners.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday April 7, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
Jana't'n Hoge, Jacob Arndt, }

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Conrad & John Marks, for the Sum of One hundred & One Pounds & four Pence, balance due to them for Thirty days Stage Waggon hire in conducting the Prisoners to Virginia, at Four Pounds Ten Shillings ℔ day, they having received of George Ross, Esq'r, the Sum of Thirty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings & Eight Pence, in part; And,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of George Ross, jun'r, for the Sum of Thirty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings & Eight Pence, advanced by him as aforesaid; this last order being interwoven in the former one.

Mr. Benja. Rittenhouse, Superintendent of the Gun Lock Factory, having represented to the Council that the Pay allowed him is insufficient for the maintainance of his Family, & prayed that his Salary may be increased,

On consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Benja. Rittenhouse be allowed, for Superintending the Gun Lock Factory, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds ℔ Ann., to Commence from the 15th Feb'ry last.

Petitions of divers Volunteers who went from Antrim & Peters' Township into service in November last, setting forth,

That in consequence of the invitation of the President & Gen'l Armstrong, & that they have served at Camp in expectation that it would have been considered as a tour of duty done by them, but that the Lieutenant of the County is now about to order them to be fined for not turning out in their Classes respectively, being read; on consideration,

Ordered, That agreeable to the order of Council to the Lieutenants of the several Counties dated the 23d day of October last, all persons who had not gone out in their turn in the Classes called before that time, & who turned out & served two months according to the said order, such service shall be considered as a full compen-

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sation for their former neglect, & that all persons whose turn it was not then to go into the field, & who notwithstanding, went out voluntarily & served a tour out of their turn, be exempted from their then next tour of duty; But Council hath not any legal authority to extend this exemption to those who refused to go in their turn under the Officers which had been duly chosen by the People, & Commissioned accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Dan'l Broadhead, for the Sum of Three Thousand Seven hundred & Six & One-third Dollars, to be by him delivered to sundry Officers of Colo. Stewart's Batt'n, who have been recruiting, to be charged to Col. Walter Stewart.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday April 8, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, & Jonat'n Hoge, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

Ordered, That Five hundred weight of Lead be delivered by John Hubley, Esq'r, Store-keeper, to Major Wertz, for the purpose of making Cartridges, agreeable to a resolve of Congress.

Mr. John Brown attended the Council, agreeable to the order of the first instant, & was discharged from the Parole under which, for some time past, he has been enlarged, And the surety of good behaviour given by him is not to extend to his conduct from this date.

Colo. Joseph Hart having attended in Council 84 days, last ending the 15th of October, @ 25s ₩ day,	£105	0	0
Mileage on 20 Miles,		16	8
From the 15th of October to the 1st April inst., 167 days @ 35s,	292	5	0
Mileage on 70 Miles,	5	16	8
	£403	18	4

An order was drawn in his favor for the Sum of Four hundred & three Pounds Eighteen Shillings & four Pence, for his Pay to 1st inst.

A Resolve of Congress of the 19th March last, being now read in Council, as follows:

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"In Congress, March 19th, 1778.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to each State to appoint some suitable person or persons to get made, with all possible dispatch, as many complete sets of accoutrements & spare bayonet Sheaths as shall be sufficient for their respective quota of Troops; The Cartridge Boxes to be made to hold at least Twenty-nine rounds of Cartridges, when made up with ounce Balls, & the cover of good substantial leather, with a small cover or flap under it, that the Ammunition may be most effectually guarded against rain; & to prevent impositions from the workmen, that proper inspectors be appointed to examine & receive the accoutrements, with orders to reject such as are bad & insufficient; & that the accoutrements so provided be sent forward with the Troops, or as soon after as possible; That in case in any State they have quantities of Tin, instead of the Cartouch Boxes, an equal number of Tin Cartridge Cannisters be furnished, agreeable to a pattern or description to be sent by the board of War."

Ordered, That William Henry, Esq'r, be appointed to procure the accoutrements to be made agreeable to the foregoing Resolve of Congress.

The Resolve of Congress of the 16th March last, "That the board of War be directed to deliver over to the order of the President & Council of Pennsylvania, the Prisoners sent from this State to Virginia," being now read, & the law for the further security of the Government taken into consideration, as far as the same may affect the said Prisoners; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Prisoners, to Wit: Israel Pemberton, John Hunt, James Pemberton, John Pemberton, Thomas Wharton, Edward Pennington, Henry Drinker, Thomas Gilpin, Charles Jervis, Thomas Fisher, Samuel Pleasants, Thomas Affleck, Elijah Brown, Owen Jones, jun'r, Samuel Fisher, William Smith, Miers Fisher, Charles Eddy, & William Drewitt Smith, be brought to Shippensburgh in this State, & there enlarged; That they be informed of the Law passed for the further security of the Government, by giving to Mr. Israel Pemberton, or some one of the said Prisoners a printed Copy of the said Law for the inspection of the whole; That Mr. Francis Bailey & Capt. Lang be appointed to apply to the Board of War for, & receive from them an order for the delivery of the Prisoners sent from this State to Virginia, & that the Board of War be requested to give orders for such assistance in procuring Waggons to bring the Prisoners into this State as may be necessary; That the said Francis Bailey & Capt. Lang receive & conduct the said Prisoners to Shippensburgh in this State, & there set them at liberty; and that on their journey they be treated with the respect due to their Characters.

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Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the Counties through which the aforesaid Prisoners may pass, do give the necessary assistance to Mr. Bayley & Capt. Lang, by furnishing Waggons, or other assistance which they may stand in need of.

Ordered, That the whole expence of arresting & confining the Prisoners sent to Virginia, the expences of their journey, & all other incidental charges, be paid by the said Prisoners.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Francis Bailey, & Capt. James Lang, for the Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds, for which they are to account.

The Hon'ble Jonathan B. Smith, Esq'r, Delegate of this State in Congress, having inclosed to this Council a draft in the following words, Vizt:

"Dollars 50,000. "YORKTOWN, Mar. 30, 1778.

"Sir:

"Pay to the Hon'ble the President & Council of the State of Pennsylvania, or order, the Sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, it being to be by them put into the hands of proper persons, for the purpose of purchasing Horses in said State for the use of the Army of the United States, & to be paid out of such Money as you have or may receive in consequence of issues of Loan Office Certificates, the said State to be accountable.

"I am Sir,

"Your very humble Servant,

"(Signed) HENRY LAURENS, President.

"To THOMAS SMITH, Esq'r, Commiss'r of the Continental Loan Office for the State of Pennsylvania."

And underwritten, "March 30, 1778, Passed in Treasury Office."

"(Signed) WM. GOVETT, Aud'r G'l."

Ordered, That the foregoing draft be made payable to David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday April 9th, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y, THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, & Jacob Arndt. } Esq'rs.
Jonat'n Hoge,

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday April 10, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, Jacob Arndt. }

The recommendation by four of the Justices & the Sheriff of the County of Northampton, of Robert Clarke, convicted of Felony in the said County, as a fit object of Mercy, & interceding for the remission of his fine and corporal punishment, was read, & the reasons whereon the same is founded being considered; whereupon,

Ordered, That the fine & corporal punishment adjudged by the Court of the County of Northampton, to be inflicted on a certain Robert Clarke, be remitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Joseph Carson, for the Sum of Nine thousand & forty-three Pounds and Ten Shillings, the balance due to him for a quantity of Woollens seized by this Council in the Great Swamp in the County of Bucks, & applied to the Cloathing of the Continental Troops, agreeable to a resolve of Congress for that purpose; the said Sum, together with the Sum of Seven Thousand Pounds drawn in favor of the said Carson of the 7th January last, be charged to James Meas, Esq'r, Clothier General of the United States.

Mr. James Futhy having delivered into the Continental Stable, Eleven Horses purchased by him,

Ordered, That the Secretary give Mr. Futhy a Certificate of the same.

An Address from the Wives & near friends of the Prisoners in Virginia being read & considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Prisoners now in Virginia be brought to this Borough, instead of being enlarged at Shippensburgh.

The board of War having sent to Council an order to Jos. Holmes, Esq'r, to deliver over to the order of the President & Council of this State all Prisoners of this State now under his care; thereupon,

Ordered, That an order be endorsed thereon for the delivery of the said Prisoners to Mr. Francis & Capt. Lang.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of David Watson, Esq'r, for the Sum of One thousand & five hundred Dollars, for the purpose of purchasing Horses in the County of York, for the Continental Cavalry.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Sam. Futhy, for the Sum of One thousand & five hundred Dollars, to be paid in Loan Office Certificates, for the like purpose, in the County of Chester.

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The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Saturday April 11, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, & Jacob Arndt. } Esq'rs.
Jonat'n Hoge,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster of Militia, for the Sum of Fifteen thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Steph'n Bayard, for the Sum of One Hundred & Twenty Dollars, for the recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Monday April 13, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, & Jacob Arndt. } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Steph'n Bayard, for the Sum of One thousand four hundred and Forty Dollars, for the recruiting Service, & for which he is to account.

A Letter from Mr, Tho's Savage being read and considered,

Ordered, That Mr. Tho's Savage be directed to lay before the Council the State of his accounts, in order that a judgment may be formed of what is proper to be further done in this business.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Sutter, for the Sum of Ten pounds, to be charged to Mr. Thomas Savage.

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The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday April 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, & Jonat'n Hoge, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

Francis Bryan, a Private belonging to the Chatham Galley, having lost his Arm in the Service, made application to the Council for a present supply of Money, (& producing a furlow for one Month;)

On consideration,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Francis Bryan, for the Sum of Five Pounds, to be charged to William C. Bradford, Paymaster of the Fleet.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday April 15, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, & Jonat'n Hoge, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

Gen'l Wayne having recommended divers officers to be sent on the Recruiting Service, (for which see 21st instant.)

Capt. Jacob Weaver of the 10th Pennsylvania Battalion.

Lieut. Killer of the 10th Pennsylvania Battalion, sent into Lancaster County, with orders on the Lieutenant of the County.

Lieut. McClellan, of the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion.

Capt. Miller of the 7th Pennsylvania Battalion, sent into the County of Cumberland, with orders on the Lieutenant of the said County.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

In favor of Capt. Weaver, for the Sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars.

In favor of Lieut. Killer, for the Sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars.

In favor of Capt. Miller, for the Sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars.

In favor of Lieut. McClellan, for the Sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars.

For which said Sums respectively, the aforesaid Gentlemen, in whose favor the orders were drawn, are to account.

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Capt. Tho's Gourly, of the 9th Pennsylvania Regiment, having requested by Colo. Butler to undertake the Recruiting Service, attended the Council & received Recruiting orders for the County of York, with the general instructions to call on the Lieut. of the said County for Money.

Major Gen'l Green having represented to the Council, on the 13th instant, that there may probably be cases of great necessity for Waggons for the Army, which cannot be supplied by the mode directed by the Waggon Law; and that great difficulties have arisen in procuring Waggon Masters & Teamsters, in consequence of the demands made upon them for their services in the Militia, or Payment Substitution Money, in lieu of such Service; and the same being taken into consideration, this Council are of opinion, That whenever, &ca. (See the 18th instant.)

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday April 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, & Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.
Jonat'n Hoge,

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday April 17, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, & Jac. Arndt. } Esq'rs.
Jonat'n Hoge,

A Certificate signed by Will'm Crispin, Commissary, setting forth that he had took by force 121 Gallons of Jamaica Spirits for the use of the Fleet, on the 20th November, being laid before the Council, and it appearing to have been very old Spirit, for which he could have had Five Pounds P Gallon; whereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Elias Boyce, for the Sum of Six hundred & five Pounds, to be charged to Will'm Crispin, Commissary.

The Hon'ble Jonathan B. Smith, Esq'r, Delegate of this State in Congress, inclosed to the President an order in the following words, Viz:

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"For 20,000 Dollars.

"York Town, 15 April, 1778.

"Sir:

"Pay to the President & Council of the State of Pennsylvania, or his order, the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, to be by them put into the hands of proper persons for the purpose of purchasing Horses in said State, for the use of the Army of the United States, and the State to be accountable.

"I am Sir,

"Your very humble Serv't,

"(Signed,) HENRY LAURENS, President.

"To Thomas Smith, Esq'r, Commissary of the Continental Loan "Office, in the State of Pennsylvania."

Underwritten thus, "Entered in the Treasury Office, 15th April 1778.

"(Signed) JOHN GIBSON, Aud'r Gen'l."

Ordered, That the aforesaid draft be made payable to Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of this State.

The Council met.

Lancaster, Saturday April 18, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, &
Jonathan Hoge, ——— Mackay, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

Henry Spyker, Pay Master of Militia of the County of Berks, applied to Council for Money to pay the Militia of that County, & the Treasury being very low, On Consideration,

Ordered, That a draft be given to Mr. Spyker, on Colo. Jacob Morgan, Lieut. of the said County of Berks, for the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds, and accordingly,

An order was drawn on Colo. Jacob Morgan, Lieutenant of the County of Berks, in favor of Henry Spyker, for the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds to Pay the Militia, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Christ'n Lower, one of the Commissioners for purchasing of Horses in the County of Northampton, for the Sum of Two thousand Five hundred Pounds to pay the Militia, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Fred'k Sneider, Doorkeeper, for the Sum of One hundred & thirty-one Pounds One Shilling & Six Pence, being the Amount of his account for

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sundry small expences paid by him, and for his attendance 123 days, ending the 16th instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Robert Craig, one of the Commissioners of Lancaster County, for purchasing Cloathing, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, for which the said Craig is to account.

It having been represented to this Council that a considerable number of the Militia of the County of Chester, heretofore called in their respective Classes, from various circumstances have not performed their Tour of duty, nor as yet paid their Substitution Money, & the same being now considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That such of the Militia of the County of Chester as have not performed their Tour of duty, or paid their Substitution Money, be now called into service, & that the serving two Months under the present call, shall be accepted in lieu of their former service.

Major Gen'l Green having on the 13th instant represented to the Council that there may probably be cases of great & immediate necessity for Waggons for the use of the Army, which cannot be supplied in the mode pointed out by the Waggon Law, so as to answer such emergency; & he expressing an earnest desire of acting in the discharge of his duty as Quarter Master Gen'l in perfect harmony with this State, & of conforming to the Laws of it, proposed that some further authority be given by Law to him & his deputies in extra cases. The Subject being duly considered, this Council are of opinion, That whenever a Sudden & extraordinary emergency shall make the impressing of Waggons by a Military force absolutely necessary, that necessity must, from the nature of things, justify the impressing by force of Arms, but that it would be improper to trust such powers in the Military by Law: And Maj. Gen'l Green having represented to Council That great difficulties had arisen in the procuring of Waggon Masters & Teamsters, in consequence of the demands made on them for their service in the Militia, or for Payment of Substitution Money in lieu of such Service; On consideration the Council are of opinion, That Waggon Masters & Waggon drivers, actually enlisted in the Continental service for a reasonable time, are not liable to serve in the Militia during the time of their continuing in such service, nor subject to the Payment of Substitution Money: And that an enlistment in either of these services for Six Months, or longer time, ought to be considered by the Lieutenants & Sub-Lieutenants of the respective Counties of this State, as a good and sufficient cause to forbear levying the Substitution Money in such cases.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday April 20, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, &
Jonat'n Hoge, —— Mackay, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

Two Letters from Mr. Benja. Fishbourne, A. D. C., to Gen'l Wayne, of 12th & 16th of April ins't., mentioning that Capt. Joshua Williams is appointed to the recruiting Service in the place of Lieu't Henderson; that Capt. Joseph Irwin & Lieu't Vanleer, of the 9th Pennsylvania Battalion, were appointed also to the recruiting service, & that Colo. Butler had sent out other Officers to recruit, requesting they may be supplied by Council with Money for that purpose.

Ordered, That these Gentlemen be furnished with recruiting orders & drafts for such Monies as shall be necessary.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday April 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Ardnt, &
Jonat'n Hoge, —— Mackay, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

The Council resuming the consideration of the case of the Prisoners which are ordered to this Borough from Winchester, agreeable to the request of Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Pleasants, and Mrs. Drinker, & the same being fully considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That on their arrival here, it shall be at the election of the said Prisoners to be set at liberty in this Borough, or at Pottsgrove in the County of Philadelphia.

A Letter from the Board of War:

Ordered, That the following officers recruit in the County against their names respectively set, Viz't:

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Capt. Mich'l Hoofnagle,	of the 8th	Penns'a Battalion,	Lancaster Co.
Capt. John Bankson,	2nd	- - -	do.
Lieut. James Forbes,	5th	- - -	do.
Lieut. Henry Piercy,	2nd	- - -	do.
Capt. John Harris,	11th	- - -	Northumberland do.
Capt. Nehemiah Stokely,	8th	- - -	York County.
Lieut. James McCulloch,	5th	- - -	do.
Lieut. Thomas Campbell,	4th	- - -	do.
Lieut. Samuel Gray,	4th	- - -	do.
Capt. Thomas Buchanan,	1st	- - -	Cumberland co.
Lieut. Thomas M'Coy,	7th	- - -	do.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the eleven forgoing Gentlemen, for the Sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars each, for the recruiting Service, & for which they are to account.

The following orders were also drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt:

In favor of Capt. Joseph Irwin, for the Sum of Three hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service in the County of Cumberland, for himself & his Lieut., William Vanleer.

In favor of Capt. Joshua Williams, for the Sum of three hundred Dollars, for the recruiting service, for which he is to account. (He Recruits in the County of York.)

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday April 23, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jonat'n Hoge, James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, & ——— Mackay, } Esq'rs.

The case of James Hamilton, Esq'r, being taken into consideration; after mature deliberation,

Ordered, That the Parole signed by James Hamilton, Esq'r, be delivered up to him, & that he be fully discharged from all confinement.

Peter Sommers laid before the Council an order drawn by Will'm C. Bradford, in favor of Henry Shriver, for the Sum of One hundred & Sixty-seven Pounds & five Shillings, to be charged to the said Will'm C. Bradford.

And an order was drawn by William Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet, in favor of Lasky & Shriver, for the Sum of Eleven hundred & twenty-eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six Pence,

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for sundry Cattle delivered for the use of the Fleet, the said Sum to be charged to the said Will'm Crispin. These orders not being endorsed to Mr. Sommers, & therefore not payable to him, the Council found a difficulty in granting an order on the Treasury; but Capt. Joseph Blewer having represented that the Money had been long due, & that Sommers was in Partnership with Lasky & Shriver; on consideration,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Blewer, for the Sum of One hundred & Sixty-Seven Pounds five Shillings, to be charged to Will'm C. Bradford, Paymaster of the Fleet.

Also an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Joseph Blewer, for the Sum of of One Thousand One hundred & Twenty Eight Pounds, Seventeen Shillings & Six Pence, the same to be charged to Will'm Crispin, Commissary.

Petition of John Young, (convicted in the County of Bedford, of having stolen 2 lbs of lead, & sentenced to receive Seven lashes,) Praying that his Punishment may be remitted, & the recommendation of him as an object of mercy by several Justices of the said County, (and offering himself a Soldier in the Continental Army,) was read; Thereupon,

Ordered, That the Corparal Punishment of the said John Young be remitted, he entering into the Continental Army, to serve three Years or during the present war.

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, for the recruiting Service, Vizt:

In favor of Philip Gibbons, Lieut. in the Sixth Pennsylvania Reg't, for One hundred & fifty Dollars, for which he is to account. In favor of Capt. Jacob Monser of the sixth Pennsylv'a Reg't, for One hundred & fifty Dollars, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, for the Sum of Four hundred & Fifty Pounds, balance of his half year's salary, due the first of March last.

Capt. Joseph Blewer of the Navy board, attended the Council, and informed that it was intended to have sunk the Gondolas, &ca., on Tuesday last, near Trenton, & therefore, there cannot be any further use in continuing the Men belonging to them at Trenton, and that there is about twenty sick & wounded belonging to the Boats, which require care & attention; That the Ammunition, Sails, Arms, Stores, belonging to the Boats, are at Pitts-town in New Jersey, and require some guards to be kept over them; That the Cannon & shot are sunk in different places in New Jersey; That about 76 pieces of Canvas & some Oznabrigs, which were on board the Store Sloop, was at Northampton, under the care of Capt. Joseph Stiles.

Ordered, That all the Linens in possession of Capt. Joseph Stiles at Northampton, suitable for the purpose, be made up into Shirts for the Soldiers; & that he be requested to get them made

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as expeditiously as possibly, & acquaint this Council of his progress therein.

On consideration of the state of the Navy, made by Captain Blewer,

Ordered, That the men belonging to the Navy be ordered up to this borough, under the direction of such Officers as the Navy Board, to whom they are best known, may judge most proper, & that two Months' Pay, over & besides what is due to them, be paid to the remaining Officers & then discharged, as there appears not to be any further service for them at present; That a small guard be left at Pitts Town until the Stores be removed; That the Sick be ordered to this Borough, by way of Reading; That the Ammunition & most valuable Stores be removed from Pitts town to Easton, in the County of Northampton, & the remainder committed to the care of Mr. Moore Furman; That the Waggon Master of the County of Bucks, furnish Waggons to the State Navy Board for the removal of the Sick & baggage from Trenton to this borough; That the Waggon Master of the County of Northampton furnish Waggons to the State Navy Board for the removal of the Stores from Pitts town, in New Jersey, to Easton, in this State.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday April 24, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, &
Jonat'n Hoge, ——— Mackay, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

The Council taking into consideration the rations to be allowed to Commodore Hazlewood, agreeable to their Letter to him of the 8th of January, 1778;

Ordered, That Commodore Hazlewood be allowed Six Rations ℔ Diem, from the time of his appointment.

A petition of divers inhabitants of the Township of Bern, in the County of Berks, setting forth that the Justices appointed in the said Township have declined to act, & praying that Mich'l Lindenmuth & Gabriel Heister may be appointed in their stead; being read & considered,

Ordered, That Michael Lindenmuth and Gabriel Hiester be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Berks, & were Commissioned accordingly.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday April 25, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, & ——— Mackay, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

The case of divers persons sent by Gen'l Lacey to this place as dangerous persons, against whom it had been made appear that they have supplied Provisions to the Enemy or to persons within the City, now in possession of the Enemy, & that they had been adjudged by a Court Martial to Six months' imprisonment; On consideration,

Ordered, That James McGill, Will'm Morgan, John Wiggons, Jacob Crusel, James McCarty, Abram Vankirk, and David Williams, be committed to the Goal of this County, until further orders from this Council.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday April 27, 1778

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, & ——— Mackay. } Esq'rs.
Jonat'n Hoge,

Capt. Lang & Mr. Bayly report, That they had received from Alex'a White, Esq'r, who acted for & in behalf of Joseph Holmes, Esq'r, Deputy Commissary of Prisoners, the following persons, agreeable to the orders of this Council, Vizt: 1 Israel Pemberton, 2 James Pemberton, 3 John Pemberton, 4 Henry Drinker, 5 Samuel Pleasants, 6 Will'm Smith, 7 Edw'd Pennington, 8 Tho's Wharton, 9 Owen Jones, 10 Charles Eddy, 11 Charles Jervis, 12 Elijah Brown, 13 Thomas Fisher, 14 Sam'l R. Fisher, and 15 Myers Fisher; and that the said Gentlemen were now in this borough, agreeable to the order of Council.

They also report that they had received at the same time the three following persons, Vizt: William Rodan, formerly of Philadelphia, Waterman, Thomas Patterson, formerly a servant of Mr. Dav'd Sproat of Philadelphia, & Jacobus Quigg, late of New Jersey, who had been sent to Virginia with the aforesaid Prisoners, and that they had been informed by Alex'a White, Esq'r, that Thomas Gilpin & John Hunt were dead.

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Thomas Afflick, one of the Prisoners sent to Virginia, having obtained leave to come to this borough, in consideration of the dangerous illness of his Wife, being also arrived here,

Ordered, That John Rodan, Tho's Patterson & Jacobus Quigg, be sent to Goal until further examined.

The case of the Prisoners brought from Virginia, & now in this borough, being considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That they be immediately sent to Pottsgrove in the County of Philadelphia, & there discharged from confinement; and that they be furnished with a copy of the order, which shall be deemed a discharge.

NOTE, under the Certified Copy of this Resolve, given to the respective Gentlemen, the following Certificate was inserted & signed by the Secretary, Vizt:

(A. B.,) of the City of Philadelphia, Gentleman, one of the Prisoners referred to by the above order of Council, is hereby permitted, with his Horses, Servants & Baggage, to pass unmolested into the County of Philadelphia, agreeable to the said order, which is to be respected as their discharge.

Mr. John Pemberton's tender conscience being hurt by the words, "agreeable to the said order, &ca.," the Secretary, inserted in his Certificate the following, "and he is there to be considered as discharged."

A pass to Philadelphia for Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Pleasants & Mrs. Drinker, & for Israel Morris, who attended them, being requested;

On consideration,

Ordered, That a Pass be granted to the aforesaid persons, with their servant, to return to Head Quarters, & from thence to Philadelphia, if Gen'l Washington shall think it proper for them so to do.

The following orders were drawn, Viz't:

In favor of "Mr. Will'm Hart, or his order, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, for the purpose of purchasing Horses for the use of the Army, and inform Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer therewith, that he may charge Mr. Hart with that Sum, & Credit the same to Col. Joseph Kirkbride, Lieut. of the County of Bucks."

This order directed Col. George Wall, jun'r, Sub-Lieut. of the County of Bucks, and an order on the same Gentleman in favor of "Mr. Jos. Greer, one of the Commissioners of Bucks County, for purchasing provisions, &ca. for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and inform Dav'd Rittenhouse, Treasurer of the State, therewith;" in order that he may charge the same to Mr. Greer, & Credit Colonel Joseph Kirkbride, Lieutenant of Bucks County.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz't:

In favor of Capt. George Grant, of the first Penns'a Battalion, for the Sum of Three hundred & Sixty Dollars, for the recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

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In favor of Captain George Grant, of the 9th Penns'a Battalion, for the Sum of Four hundred & Eighty Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

In favor of Capt. Matt'w Scott, of the 13th Penns'a Battalion, for the Sum of Three hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

"In the present important crisis of public affairs, & according to the late call of Congress, the Supreme Executive Council of this State do hereby strictly charge all Officers employed in recruiting the Continental Battalions of this State, to make the most strenuous exertions, & redouble their endeavours to complete the same without loss of time.

"And Council recommend to the Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants, & all other Officers of the Militia, to use their utmost efforts to prepare for the immediate march of four Classes, the next in turn, upon any emergency.

"By order of Council.

(Signed) "T. MATLACK, Secretary."

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday April 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, & —— Mackay, } Esq'rs.
Jonat'n Hoge,

The several cases of Will'm Rodan, Jacobus Quick & Tho's Patterson, brought by Capt. Lang & Mr. Bailey from Winchester, being taken into consideration,

Ordered, That Will'm Rodan be sent under Parole to the County of Chester & there discharged; That Tho's Patterson be discharged in this Borough; And that Jacobus Quick be sent under Parole to His Excell'y Gov. Livingston of New Jersey, there to answer such charge as may be laid against him.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Thomas Bull for the Sum of Seven hundred & Eighty Dollars, for the recruiting service, for which he is to account. And an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. Arch'd Campble for the Sum of Five hundred & forty Dollars, for the Recruiting service, & for which he is to account.

Mr. Sam'l Futhey brought up Ten Horses, bought by him for the use of the Continent.

Ordered, That they be delivered to

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday April 29, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Esq'rs.
Jonat'n Hoge, —— Mackay,

The three following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Joseph Blewer, Vizt:—One for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds & one for the Sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, in Continental Loan Office Certificates, both to be charged to Will'm Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet; And one for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, to be charged to Will'm C. Bradford, Paymaster of the State Fleet.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Robert Lollar, Paymaster of Militia for the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Seven thousand Pounds, to be charged to Thomas Dorsey, Paymaster of Militia.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Mich'l Hoofnagle, for the Sum of Four hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday, April 30, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Esq'rs.
Jonat'n Hoge, —— Mackay,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer for the Sum of three hundred & Fifty Pounds, in favor of Jac. S. Howell, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major Gen'l Armstrong, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be charged to Thomas Dorsey, Esq'r, Paymaster of Militia.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday May 1st, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart; Jacob Arndt, & Mackey, } Esq'rs.
Jonat'n Hoge,

Lieut. John Rudolph applied to Council, agreeable to the order of Gen'l Washington, for the Horses now in this Borough belonging to the Continent; And the orders were drawn directing Mr. Adam Reigart & Mr. George Ross, to deliver to Lieut. John Rudolph the Horses put into their hands by Commissioners appointed to purchase Horses for the Continent, & directing them to make return of one Receipt for the same.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Samuel Smith, for the Sum of Thirteen Pounds & Ten Shillings, to be charged to Congress, as expence in collecting Cloathing for the Troops, (being the expences of procuring the Cloth seized in the great Swamp, belonging to Mr. Joseph Carson.)

The Hon'ble Vice President reports, That he had received from Mr. James Bryson, of this Borough, on the Thirtieth day of April last, Five hundred & Ninety-one Tickets in the United States Lottery, agreeable to a Resolve of the Treasury Board of the Eighth day of January last, & that he had delivered them to His Excell'y the President; the Numbers are as follows, Vizt:

"Thirty thousand Nine hundred & Sixteen, to Thirty thousand Nine hundred & Ninety-six, both numbers inclusive, are Eighty-one Tickets.

"Thirty-one thousand and Six to Thirty-one thousand & Sixty-eight, both numbers included, are Sixty-three Tickets.

"Thirty-one Thousand one hundred & Sixty-eight to Thirty-one Thousand One hundred & Seventy-six, both numbers included, are nine Tickets.

"Thirty-one thousand One hundred and Eighty-Six to Thirty-one Thousand Two hundred & three, both numbers included, are eighteen Tickets.

"Thirty-one thousand two hundred & Seventy-six to Thirty-one thousand three hundred & Twenty-nine, both numbers included, are fifty-four Tickets.

"Thirty-one Thousand Three hundred & fifty-seven to Thirty-one Thousand four hundred and Ninety-one, both numbers included, are One hundred and Thirty-five Tickets."

The above mentioned Tickets are signed by John Purviance, & the following Tickets are signed by Owen Biddle, Vizt.:

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"Sixty-four thousand Nine hundred & Eighty-one to Sixty-five Thousand One hundred & Sixty, both numbers included, are One hundred & Eighty Tickets.

"Eight Tickets number Sixty-five thousand two hundred & Seven to Sixty-five thousand two hundred & fourteen, both included.

"Sixty-five thousand two hundred & Twenty-four to Sixty-five thousand two hundred & fifty, both included, are Twenty-seven Tickets;" thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Lottery Tickets be sent to the Board of Treasury, under the Seal of the State, agreeable to the order of the said Board of the Eighth day of January last.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday May 2d, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, & ——— Mackay, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

Lieut. James Armour being appointed to the recruiting service by Gen'l Wayne, & recommended to Council, Recruiting Orders were given him for the County of Lancaster; And an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Lieut. James Armour, for the Sum of Four hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

A Letter from John Proctor, Esq'r, of the County of Westmoreland, earnestly desiring to be supplied with a Sum of Money to be sent to him by Mr. George Henry, being read,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr George Henry, of the County of Westmoreland, for the Sum of Three Thousand & five hundred Pounds, to be paid by the said Henry to John Proctor, Esq'r, of the County of Westmorland, for which he is to account.

A Letter from John Gourla of Hanna's town (in Westmorland County,) requesting to be supplied with Money to purchase Horses for the use of the Cavalry, being read, thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. George Henry, for the Sum of One thousand & five hundred Pounds, to be paid by him to Colo. Archib'd Lochry, & to be charged to John Gourla, One of the Commissioners for purchaseing Horses in Westmorland County, agreeable to his Letter of 25th instant.

Ordered, That the Lieut. of the County of Cumberland, on application, furnish One hundred Militia for the defence of the Fron-

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tiers against the Indians or Tories, to act in conjunction with the other forces, or separately, as the case may require.

Ordered, That the Lieut. of the County of Northumberland do furnish One hundred Militia for the defence of the Frontiers against the Indians or Tories, as the occasion may require.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday May 4, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, —— Mackay. } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt, &

The Secretary laid before the Council a Letter from Ja's Hamilton, Esq'r, requesting a Pass for "himself" & four Servants, namely "Matthias Sandham" his Butler, Two Mullatto Men, "Jonathan & Luke" "the one Footman, the other Coachman, & one Negro Woman Cook, called Fanny; and also a protection for one baggage Waggon & its driver, to go to Philadelphia & return" to Northampton.

The same being taken into consideration, & it appearing that Mr. Hamilton has a dangerous disorder in his Nose, which it is supposed renders the advice & assistance of a Physician now in Philadelphia, absolutely necessary in the case; thereupon,

Ordered, That a Pass for James Hamilton, Esq'r, & one Servant, to go into Philadelphia, there to remain not exceeding two Weeks, & that the same be made out and sent to Robert Levers, Esquire, of Easton, to be delivered to Mr. Hamilton on his taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State, according to Law, & producing to Mr. Levers a Certificate of his having done so.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday May 5, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, —— Mackay. } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt, &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Caleb Davis, for the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, for six days riding to G'l Potter's Camp & thro' the neighborhood of Derby & Chester, in order to gain intelligence.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday May 6, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice-President.

James Edgar, Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, & —— Mackay. } Esq'rs.

The Council taking into consideration the appointing of Commissioners, agreeable to the Act of Attainder, &ca,

Ordered, That the following persons be appointed, to Wit:

For the City of Philadelphia—Will'm Will, Sharp Delany, Jacob Strainer, Charles Wilson Peale, Robert Smith, (Hatter,) & Sam'l Massey.

For the County of Philadelphia—Will'm Antis, Dan'l Heister, & Archibald Thompson.

For the County of Chester—Will'm Evans, Thomas Cheney, Tho's Levis, Patterson Bell & John Hannums.

For the County of Bucks—George Wall jun'r, Rich'd Gibbs, John Crawford & Benja. Siegle.

For the County of Lancaster—Everhart Michael, Philip Greenwalt, George Stewart & Francis Armstrong.

For the County of York—Robt. Stephenson, James Nailor, William Chesney, Tho's Stockton & Tho's Lilly.

For the County of Cumberland—George Stevenson, John Boggs & Jos. Brady.

For the County of Northampton—Sam'l Ray, Jacob Miller, Stephen Balliott, Robt. Levers, Conrad Kreider & Will'm McNair.

For the County of Berks—Henry Haller, Tho's Parry & Dav'd Morgan.

For the County of Bedford—Robt. Galbraith, Tho's Urie & John Piper.

For the County of Northumberland—John Kelly & Tho's Hewitt.

For the County of Westmorland—Colo. John Proctor & Tho's Galbraith.

Ordered, That the Secretary do immediately write to the said Commissioners, & inclose the following instructions, Vizt:

"*Instructions to the Agents for Forfeited Estates.*

"*First*, You are to provide a suitable Book, wherein you are to enter the names of the several persons that are or may in future be attainted, & whose Estates lays in this State, within your County.

"*Secondly*, Taking the said names Alphabetically, you are to insert in the same Book, after each name, the several Estates whereof

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the former Owners were respectively seized or possessed, describing the County, Township, & Street, (if in the City of Philadelphia, Southwark, or the Northern Liberties), the Quantity of land, & nature of the Estate, whether Fee-Simple for life, of themselves or others, Lease-hold, Ground rents, or of whatever Quality soever the Estate may be.

"*Thirdly*, You are to prepare advertisements of the following Tenor:

"'WHEREAS, the Estates or (A, B, C, D, &c.,) late of the County of ———, having been, in due course of Law, forfeited & seized to the use of this State, We, the Subscribers, Agents for the said County, do hereby give notice that the Estates of the said A, B, C, D, &ca, consisting of the Tracts and parcels of Land following, Vizt: (Here insert a short description of the Premises, mentioning the Houses & Quantity of Land, in what Township, Ward, or Street situate, and if the Estate be for life or years let it be mentioned.) All which will be sold by Public Vendue, at the Court House at ———, on the ——— day of ——— (not less than Thirty Days from the Publication of the Advertisement in some News Paper of this State, & also in the County,) & continuing the sales from day to day, till the whole be disposed of.'

"The terms of sale will be according to Law, as follows, to wit:

"One-fourth part of the purchase Money to be paid in Ten days after Sale, or the premises again revert to the State, and the Bidder liable to forfeit the said One-fourth of the Purchase Money. The remainder thereof to be paid in one Month, and on a Certificate being produced from the Agents or either of them, of full Payment of the Purchase Money, a Deed will be given, as by Law directed.

"And we, the said Agents, do also, pursuant to Law, hereby notify the Claimants of the said Premises, or any of them, & Creditors of the said A, B, C, D, &ca., to exhibit their claims & demands to the Judges of the Supreme Court, within the time limited by Law, or they will be forever barred from the Recovery thereof.

"*Fourthly*, All reasonable charges of Clerkship & expences for ascertaining the property of the estates be defrayed by the State."

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Hugh De Haven, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to Mr. Peter De Haven, father of the said Hugh.

The case of Anthony Denormandie, of Bristol, sent here by His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, from an information said to be laid against him by Colo. Jas. Kirkbride, but no charge sent against him; on consideration,

Ordered, That on Ant'y Denormandie giving Bail in the Sum of Five hundred Pounds with surety, for his appearing before this Council, to answer such charge as may be made against him within six months, if thereto required, & in the mean time be of good behaviour, he be enlarged & ordered to return to Bristol, by the way of Pottsgrove.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday May 7, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, & ——— Murray, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,

Divers complaints having been made that the High Roads in very many places in this State have been long much neglected, and are in a ruinous condition, to the great injury of the Public, & the same being considered,

Ordered, That the Supervisors of the Roads & High ways be required, by public notice in the newspapers, without loss of time, to repair and amend the Roads; and all Magistrates and others be enjoined to exert themselves in making presentments of defects & nusances in the Premises to the Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the respective Counties, or to prosecute & otherwise proceed against all deficient Townships & Supervisors according to Law, that they may be punished, in such manner as their neglect shall require.

The Council resumed the consideration of Mich'l Mulenburgh's Accounts, wherein he charges 54 days' service in carrying the Prisoners with their Baggage to Winchester in Virginia, & the same appearing an extravagant & unreasonable charge,

Ordered, That he be allowed the sum of One hundred & Thirty-five Pounds, for the said Journey; and accordingly, An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mich'l Mulenburgh for the Sum of Sixty Pounds, in full of the said service, (the Sum of Seventy five Pounds having been paid to him on the 24th of March last.)

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday May 8, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, & ——— Murray, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,

The Council taking into consideration the Act entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Commonwealth,

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and for more effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful debts & claims thereupon;" & after deliberation,

Ordered, That the Minutes of the proceedings of this Council, in pursuance of the Authority of the Act entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Commonwealth, and for more effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful debts & claims thereupon," be kept in a Book for that especial purpose, seperate from the Minutes of proceedings of Council in more common & ordinary occasions, & that the Secretary do take care to have them entered with the utmost regularity & exactness.

[This order seems to have been very imperfectly complied with. In transcribing the Minutes, therefore, I have thought it best to incorporate the proceedings respecting Forfeited Estates with the general proceedings of the Board.]

The Council taking into consideration the Act of General Assembly entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Commonwealth, & for more effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful Debts & claims thereupon;" & also considering the general report, & other evidence before the Council, relating to divers persons who have, as it is said, joined the Enemy; & thereupon,

Ordered, That a Proclamation be issued under the State Seal, requiring the following named persons, late & heretofore inhabitants of this State, That is to say:

Enoch Story, late Merchant; Samuel Garrigues, the elder, late Clerk of the Market, & Trader; James Stevenson, late Baker: Abram Carlisle, House Carpenter; Peter Deshong, Miller; Alexander Bartram, Trader; Christian Hook, Attorney at Law; Peter Miller, Scrivener; Lodowick Kerker, Butcher; Philip Marchington, Trader; Edward Hanlon, Cooper & Vintner; Alfred Cliffton, Gentleman; & Arthur Thomas, Breeches-maker; all now or late of the City of Philadelphia; And Thomas Livezey, late of the Township of Roxborough, Miller; John Roberts, late of the Township of Lower Merion, Miller; Rob't Iredale, the Younger, & Thomas Iredale, both late of the Township of Horsham, Laborers; Joshua Knight, late of the Township of Abington, Blacksmith; John Knight, Tanner; Isaac Knight, Husbandman; Albinson Walton, late of the Township of Biberry, Husbandman; John Smith, late Guager of the Port of Philadelphia; & Henry Hugh Ferguson, Commissary of Prisoners for Gen'l Howe; all late of the County of Philadelphia: And Samuel Biles, Esq'r, late Sheriff of the County of Bucks; Walter Willett, late of the Township of Southampton, Husbandman; Richard Hovenden, late of the Township of Newtown, Trader; & William Moland, late

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of the Township of Warminster, Husbandman; all lately of the County of Bucks: And Henry Skyles, Thomas Bulla & David Dawson, Husbandman; Jacob James, late of the Township of Goshen, Innkeeper; Joseph Thomas, (heretofore Sub-Sheriff,) Yeoman; Nathaniel Vernon, junior, laborer; & John Swanwick, late of the Custom House, Philadelphia, all late of the County of Chester: And John Rankin and Evan Griffith, Husbandman; William Love, late of the Township of York; John Wilson, late of the Township of Huntingdon; And James Bracken, late of the Township of Tyronne; all late of the County of York: And William Thomas, James Pugh, Samuel Koster, John Koster, Joshua Thomas, Hugh Pugh, and Joseph Sutton, Husbandmen; John Holder, Miller; Henry Oswalt, House Carpenter; Jacob Holder & George Holder, Laborers; & Owen Roberts, Saw mill man, all late of the County of Northampton: And Michael Witman, Innkeeper; Matthew McHagh of Lebanon, Inkeeper; George Reine, of Earle Township, Miller; John Reine, & Ingleholt Holtzinger, Husbandman, all late of the County of Lancaster: And Francis Sanderson, heretofore of the Borough of Lancaster, & late of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, Coppersmith; (the said Francis Sanderson having a Real Estate in this Commonwealth;) to render themselves respectively to some or one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, or of the Justices of the Peace of one of the Counties within this State, on or before Thursday the Twenty-fifth day of June next, ensuing; & also abide their legal trial, for having severally adhered to & knowingly & willingly aided & assisted the Enemies of this State, and of the United States of America, by having joined their Armies at Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, within this State, on pain that every of them stand & be attainted of High Treason, to all intents & purposes, & shall suffer such pains & penalties, & undergo all such forfeitures as persons attainted of High Treason ought to do.

And a Proclamation in due form being prepared accordingly and read, thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be Sealed with the State Seal, Signed by His Excell'y The President & attested by the Secretary; And the same was signed accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Proclamation be Published in Mr. John Dunlap's News Paper.

"*Pennsylvania, ss.*

"A PROCLAMATION:

By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

"WHEREAS, the following named persons, late & heretofore inhabitants of this State; That is to say—Enoch Story, late Merchant; Samuel Garrigues, the elder, late Clerk of the Market & Trader; James Stevenson, late Baker; Abraham Carlisle, House.

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Carpenter; Peter Deshong, Miller; Alexander Bartram, Trader; Christian Hook, Attorney at Law; Peter Miller, Scrivener; Lodowick Kerker, Butcher; Philip Marshington, Trader; Edward Hanlon, Cooper & Vintner; Alfred Cliffton, Gentleman; and Arthur Thomas, Breeches-maker, all now or late of the City of Philadelphia: Thomas Livezley, late of the Township of Roxborough, Miller; Robert Iredale, the Younger, & Thomas Iredale, both late of the Township of Horsham, Laborers; Joshua Knight, late of the Township of Abington, Blacksmith; John Knight, Tanner; Isaac Knight, Husbandman; Albinson Walton, late of the Township of Biberry, Husbandman; John Smith, late Gauger of the Port of Philadelphia; & Henry Hugh Ferguson, Commissary of Prisoners for General Howe, all late of the County of Philadelphia: & Samuel Biles, Esq'r, late Sheriff of the County of Bucks; Walter Willet, late of the Township of Southampton, Husbandman, Richard Hovendon, late of the Township of Newtown, Trader; William Moland, late of the Township of Warminster, Husbandman; all late of the County of Bucks: & Henry Skyles, Thomas Bulla, & David Dawson, Husbandman; Jacob James, late of the Township of Gohen, Inn-keeper; Joseph Thomas, (heretofore Sub-Sheriff,) Yeoman; Nathaniel Vernon, junior, Laborer; John Swanwick, late of the Custom House, Philadelphia, all late of the County of Chester: & John Rankin & Evan Griffith, Husbandmen; William Love, of the Township of York; John Watson, late of the Township of Huntingdon; & James Brakin, late of the Township of Tyrone, all of the County of York: & William Thomas, James Pugh, Samuel Koster, John Koster, Joshua Thomas, Hugh Pugh, & Joseph Sutton, Husbandmen; John Holder, Miller; Henry Oswalt, House Carpenter; Jacob Holder & George Holder, Laborers; & Owen Roberts, Saw-mill man; all late of the County of Northampton: & Michael Witman, Inn-keeper; Matthew McHugh, of Lebanon, Inn-keeper; George Reine, of Earl Township, Miller; John Reine, & Ingleholt Holtzinger, Husbandmen, all of the County of Lancaster: & Francis Sanderson, heretofore of the Borough of Lancaster, & late of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, Coppersmith; & John Roberts, late of the Township of Lower Merrion, Miller; have severally adhered to & knowingly & willingly aided & assisted the Enemies of this State & of the United States of America, by having joined their Armies at Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, within this State.

We the Supreme Executive Council aforesaid, by virtue of certain powers & authorities to us given by an Act of General Assembly, entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Commonwealth, and for more effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful debts & claims thereupon," do hereby strictly charge & require the said Enoch Story, Samuel Garrigues the elder, James Stevenson, Abraham Carlisle, Peter Deshong, Alexander Bartram, Christian Hook, Pe-

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ter Miller, Lodowick Kerker, Philip Marshinton, Edward Hanlon, Alfred Chiffton, Arthur Thomas, Thomas Livesley, Robert Iredale the younger, Thomas Iredale, Joshua Knight, John Knight, Isaac Knight, Albinson Walton, John Smith, Henry Hugh Ferguson, Samuel Biles, Walter Willett, Richard Hovenden, William Moland, Henry Skyles, Thomas Bulla, David Dawson, Jacob James, Joseph Thomas, Nathaniel Vernon, junior, John Swanwick, John Rankin, Evan Griffith, William Love, John Wilson, James Brakin, William Thomas, James Pugh, Samuel Koster, John Koster, Joshua Thomas, Hugh Pugh, Joseph Sutton, John Holder, Henry Oswalt, Jacob Holder, George Holder, Owen Roberts, Michael Witman, Matthew McHugh, George Reine, John Reine, Ingleholt Holtzinger, Francis Sanderson, (the said Francis Sanderson having a real Estate in this Common-Wealth,) & John Roberts, to render themselves respectively to some or one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, or of the Justices of the Peace of one of the Counties within this State, on or before Thursday the Twenty-fifth day of June next ensuing, & also abide their legal trial, for such their Treasons, on pain that every of them, the said Enoch Story, Samuel Garrigues, the elder, James Stevenson, Abraham Carlisle, Peter Deshong, Alexander Bartram, Christian Hook, Peter Miller, Lodowick Kerker, Philip Marshington, Edward Hanlon, Alfred Cliffton, Arthur Thomas, Thomas Livezley, Robert Iredale, the Younger, Thomas Iredale, Joshua Knight, John Knight, Isaac Knight, Albinson Walton, John Smith, Henry Hugh Ferguson, Samuel Biles, Walter Willett, Richard Hovenden, William Moland, Henry Skyles, Thomas Bulla, David Dawson, Jacob James, Joseph Thomas, Nathaniel Vernon, junior, John Swanwick, John Rankin, Evan Griffith, William Love, John Wilson, James Brakin, William Thomas, James Pugh, Samuel Koster, John Koster, Joshua Thomas, Hugh Pugh, Joseph Sutton, John Holder, Henry Oswalt, Jacob Holder, George Holder, Owen Roberts, Michael Witman, Matthew McHugh, George Reine, John Reine, Ingleholt Holtzinger, Francis Sanderson & John Roberts, not rendering himself as aforesaid, or not abiding the trial aforesaid, shall, from & after the said Thursday the Twenty-fifth day of June next, stand & be attainted of High Treason to all intents & purposes, & shall suffer such pains & penalties, & undergo all such forfeitures as persons attainted of High Treason ought to do.

"And all the faithful subjects of this State are to take notice of this Proclamation, and govern themselves accordingly.

"Given by order of the Council under the hand of His Excell'y the President, and the Seal of the State, at Lancaster, this Eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-eight.

"Signed, THOMAS WHARTON, junior, President.

"Attested by order of the Council,—T. MATLACK, Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH."

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday May 9, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart, —— Mackay, }

Colo. George Morgan having represented that his Lady, Mrs. Mary Morgan, had left her infant at the breast in the City of Philadelphia, and that the person to whose care it had been intrusted, was about to leave this Country, & therefore, earnestly solicits a Pass for his Lady to go into the City to bring out their Child.

On consideration of so affecting a case,

Ordered, That a Pass be made out for Mrs. Morgan, Wife of Colo. George Morgan, to go into the City of Philadelphia to bring out her child.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday May 11, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, & } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt, Jonathan Hoge, }
—— Mackay,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Will'm Will, Store-keeper for the Continental Magazine in this Borough, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, for which sum he is to account.

Lieut. Colo. Blaithwaite Jones attended the Council, & requested a sum of Money in part of his Pay. The Council taking the same into consideration, and it appearing that he was appointed by the late Council of Safety, on the 15th day of February, 1777, as an Engineer for the fortifications at Billingsport, to continue until the same shall be completed, or until otherwise ordered by proper Authority,

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. Blaithwaite Jones be allowed Pay until this day, & that as the service to which he was appointed hath ceased, that he be discharged.

That Col. Jones be informed at the same time, that this Council is disposed to employ him in such department as may require his abilities, as occasion shall offer.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday May 12, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, &
Jacob Arndt, Jonathan Hoge, } Esq'rs.
—— Mackay,

It appearing that Lieu. Edw'd Randolph, of the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment, had inlisted a number of men, as Certified by Capt. Edw'd Scull; thereupon,

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Edw'd Randolph, the one for the Sum of Four hundred & Twenty Dollars, the other for One hundred & Eighty Dollars, both to be charged to Capt. Edw'd Scull, of the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment.

Two Letters from the Hon'ble Henry Laurens, Esq'r, President of Congress, one of the 8th, the other of the 11th instant, inclosing the York Town Gazette, containing such parts of the Treaty with France as are necessary & proper to be made Public; a Proclamation issued by Congress on the 9th instant; and "An Address of the Congress to the United States of America," and a Resolve of the 9th instant, recommending to Ministers of the Gospel of all denominations, to read the same in the places of religious worship.

The Address of the Congress to the United States, & the resolve of the 9th inst., being read,

Ordered, That the same be immediately re-printed and forwarded to the Ministers of the Gospel of all denominations, for the purpose recommended by Congress, which the Council doth highly approve of.

Ordered, That five hundred Copies in German be struck off & forwarded in like manner.

N. B.—The President gave an order to the Q'r M'r for a Horse for Count Mountfort, for a few days, the Count's Horse having fallen lame.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday May 13, 1778.

PRESENT:

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Blaithwaite Jones, for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, part Pay as Engineer at Billingsport, to be charged to Congress.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday May 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar, &
Jonathan Hoge, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt.:

In favor of Rob't Lollar, Esq'r, Pay Master of Militia for the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Five thousand & Nine hundred Dollars, (in loan Office Certificates,) for Paying the Militia, & to be charged to Thomas Dorsey, Esq'r, Pay Master of Militia.

In favor of Capt. Rob't Gamble, for the Sum of Two hundred Dollars, due to Mich'l Bowyer for apprehending a certain Charles Caldwell, pursuant to a Proclamation of this Council; the said Mich'l Bowyer having by his order authorised the said Capt. Rob't Gamble to receive the same.

In favor of Mr. Philip Boehm, of Northampton County, for the Sum of Two hundred & fifty-one Pounds, nine Shillings & four Pence half Penny, being the Balance due to Mr. Ebenezer Cowell; And in favor of Mr. Philip Boehm, Paymaster of Militia of Northampton County, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, for the purpose of Paying the said Militia, to be charged to Capt. Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster of Militia.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday May 15, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, &
Jonat'n Hoge, ——— Mackay. } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

Col. Thos. Hartley having represented to Council that the Money advanced to him for the Recruiting Service is already exhausted, and requesting that a further Sum may be paid to Capt. George Bush for that service, for which he (Col. Hartley) will be accountable; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. George Bush, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, to be charged to Colo. Thomas Hartley.

A certificate signed by Rob't Lollar, James Anderson & Will'm Clarke, Esq'rs, of the Committee of Accounts, certifying that the Sum of Seven Hundred & Seventy-one Pounds fourteen Shillings

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& One Penny was due to Mr. John Tyler, for repairing of Arms; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Tyler, for the said Sum of Seven hundred & Seventy-one Pounds fourteen Shillings & one Penny.

The Council met.

LANCASTER Saturday May 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jonat'n Hoge, James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, & ——— Mackay, } Esq'rs.

Ordered, That the Parole of James Tilghman, Esq'r, be sent to his Son Colo. Tench Tilghman, at Camp, with a request that he will forward it to his father by the first opportunity, & acquaint him that he is discharged from his said Parole, & at liberty to act as he shall judge best.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to write to James Tilghman, Esq'r, by the next Post, & inform him of the aforesaid order of Council, & of his discharge; and the same was forwarded accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Adam Reigart, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to purchase Horses with, & for which he is to account.

A Letter from John Carothers, Esq'r, Lieu. of the County of Cumberland, informing that several persons have lately been killed by the Indians on the Bald Eagle & Juniata, &c.

Ordered, That the Board of War be requested to furnish John Carothers, Esq'r, Lieu. of the County of Cumberland, with Rifles & Ammunition.

Lieutenant John Boyd, of the 12th Penns'a Battalion, having enlisted a number of Recruits, An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. John Boyd, of the 12th Penns'a Battalion, or his order, for the Sum of Nine hundred and Sixty Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble James Edgar, Esq'r, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for the purpose of purchasing Horses in the County of York, to be charged to David Watson, Esq'r, Commissioner for purchasing Horses in the said County.

From the situation of the Western frontiers, it appears to be necessary to supply the County of Northumberland with Arms, and

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there being Thirty-One Riffles in the hands of John Butler, one of the Armourers,

Ordered. That John Tyler, Armourer, do send a Waggon load of Arms in repair, to Col. Jacob Morgan, Lieutenant of the County of Berks, among which the Thirty-one Riffles are to be a part, & packed separate from the rest, & to be by Col. Morgan forwarded to Sam'l Hunter, Esq'r, Lieu. of the County of Northumberland, for the use of the Militia.

The Council taking into consideration the Sentence passed by the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal delivery for the County of York, (in this Common Wealth,) held at York, on Tuesday the Twenty-first day of April last past, upon Joseph Bone, late of Cumberland Township, in the said County of York, Yeoman; he the said Joseph Bone being convicted at the said Court of Felony & Burglary, to Wit:

"That the said Joseph Bone be taken to the Goal of the said Commonwealth, in the said County of York, from whence he came, & from thence to the place of Execution, & there to be hanged by the neck until he be dead."

Ordered, That a Warrant under the less Seal of the State, signed by the Hon'ble Vice President, and attested by the Secretary, be now issued for execution of the said sentence, on Wednesday the 27th day of May instant, between the hours of Ten O'Clock in the forenoon & Two O'Clock in the Afternoon of the said day, at the usual place of Execution.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Wilson, of the first Penns'a Battalion, for the Sum of Four hundred & Twenty Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, for which Sum he is to account.

Ordered, That Joseph Shippen, jun'r, of Kennet Township, Esq'r, be discharged from his Parole, & be at liberty to act as he shall judge best.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday May 18, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Edgar,	Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,	Jacob Arndt, &	
——— Mackay,	John Hambright.	

Letters from His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, of 14th instant; from Colo. Hunter of the same date; from Charles Petit, A Q. M. G., of 16th inst.

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Tho's Hewitt, Esq'r, attended the Council, & represented that the County of Northumberland is in great distress from the want of Arms, Ammunition, and Provisions.

Ordered, That a Copy of Colo. Hunter's Letter be forwarded to Congress by Mr. Hewitt, & that information be given to Congress of the number of Riffles procured to be forwarded to Cumberland & Northampton Counties.

His Excell'y Gen'l Washington having represented the necessity for a supply of Arms for Gen'l Wayne's Division, & requested that about Three hundred stand, fitted with Bayonets, belonging to the State, be sent to him. It has been represented to the General that these Arms had been fitted with Continental Bayonets, which appears to have been a mistake. From the situation of the Frontiers, attacked by the Indians, Riffles are greatly wanted, & Will'm Henry, Esq'r, having about One hundred & Twelve Riffles belonging to the Continent which he appears willing to supply this State with; thereupon,

Ordered, That three hundred Musquets & Bayonets belonging to this State, be sent to His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, for the Pennsylvania Troops in Gen'l Wayne's division.

Ordered, That forty-eight Riffles be sent to John Carothers, Esq'r, Lieu. of Cumberland County, & that an order be drawn on Mr. Henry, in favor of Jonathan Hoge, Esq'r, for the same.

Ordered, That Seventy Riffles be sent to Colo. James Hunter, Lieu. of the County of Northumberland, & that an order be drawn in favor of John Hambright, Esq'r.

Ordered, That the load of Arms ordered from Northampton be forwarded by Colo. Morgan to Colo. Gibbons, near Harris's Ferry, to be by him forwarded to Colo. S. Hunter, Lieu. of Northampton County.

Colo. Knox, Mr. McLean, & Mr. Irwin, a Committee from the Hon'ble House of Assembly, attended in the Council Chamber, & laid before the Council a Petition from the Township of Peters, in the County of Cumberland, praying, in effect, Protection from the Indian Ravages. A free conference was had upon the situation of the Western frontiers; and thereupon,

Agreed, That a just representation from Council and Assembly, be sent to Congress on this important Subject.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday May 19, 1778

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Edgar,	Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,	Jacob Arndt, &	
——— Mackay,	John Hambridght,	

Colo. Smith applied to the Council by written order of Gen'l Green of April 26th, for the Horses purchased for the Dragoon Service; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Horses purchased for the Dragoon Service be delivered to Capt. Smith.

The Secretary reported that the Post which heretofore was sent near Chester Town did not now Travel that Road, & therefore, the Letter ordered to be sent James Tilghman, Esq'r, could not be forwarded by Post; thereupon,

Ordered, That an express be procured & sent with the order of Council for the discharge of James Tilghman, Esq'r.

Ordered, That four hundred Copies of the Proclamation issued by this Council on the 8th instant, be printed, & Copies thereof sent to the Sheriff of the respective Counties where the Persons therein named have heretofore resided, with orders to read, or cause to be read, the said Proclamation in the respective County Towns were the same can with safety be done, & in cases where that cannot be done, that the same be done in some public place as near the County Town as the Sheriff shall judge to be safe so to do; & that he set up, or cause to be set up, one Copy of each of at least ten different places where he shall judge the same shall be most publickly known, so far as the same shall be found to be practicable.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday May 20, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Josep Hart,	James Edgar,	Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,	Jacob Arndt,	
——— Mackay,	John Hambridght,	

Colo. Butler, of the 9th Penns'a Battalion, having recommended Lieu. William Vanleer for the Recruiting service, he chusing to

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go into Cumberland, Orders were given him accordingly; and an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Will'm Vanleer, for the Sum of One Hundred & fifty Dollars, for the Recruiting service, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Henry Spiker, Pay Master for the County of Berks, for the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, to Pay the Militia with, the said sum to be charged to Thomas Dorsey, Pay Master of Militia.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Philip Marstiller, Esq'r, Pay Master of the County of Lancaster, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, to be charged to Captain Thomas Dorsey, Pay Master General.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Scott, Esq'r, Pay Master of Militia of the County of York, for the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, to be charged to Colo. Tho's Dorsey, Pay Master of Militia.

Letter from the board of War, respecting assistance of 200 Men from the Continental Army, supply of Riffles, Ammunition & Provisions.

John Burd, Esq'r, informed the Council that John Ramsay, appointed to purchase Horses in the County of Bedford, had purchased Ten Horses, & was very desirous of having them removed to a place of Safety; thereupon,

Ordered, That John Ramsay, of the County of Bedford, be directed to deliver the Horses purchased for the Army by him to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master most convenient to him, to be forwarded to Camp immediately; taking two Receipts for the same, & forwarding one of them to this Council.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday, May 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Edgar,	} Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,	Jacob Arndt, &	
—— Mackay,	John Hambright,	

Letter from the Board of War.

On motion, the Council now take into consideration the issuing of a Proclamation under the State Seal, requiring divers persons, who, it is said, have joined the Armies of the Enemy, to render themselves, and abide their legal trial for such their Treasons, &c., according to Law; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a Proclamation be now issued under the State Seal, requiring the following named persons, late & heretofore inhabi-

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tants of this State, that is to say: Abel James, Merchant; James Humphreys, the Elder, Esq'r; James Humphreys, the Younger, Printer; Henry Lisle, John Hart, Charmless Hart, David Sproat, Thomas Story, Malcolm Ross, William Price, Thomas Roker, & Tench Coxe, Merchants; Abel Evans, Esq'r, Attorney at Law; Benjamin Titley & Peter Howard, Traders; Coleman Fisher, (Son of William Fisher, Esq'r,) William Cliffton, Gentleman; James Stevens, late Baker; Bowyer Brookes, Ship Carpenter; John Allen, Carpenter & Tallow Chandler; William Austin, Yeoman, late keeper of the New Jersey Ferry; Kenneth McCullough, Yeoman; Charles Stedman, the Younger, Esq'r, Attorney at Law; John Shepperd, Stablekeeper; James Delaplane, late Barber; Robert Currie, leather Breeches Maker; Thomas Badge & William Compton, Tallow Chandlers; Peter Sutter, Hatter; James Riddle, Tavern-keeper; John Parvock, Yeoman; John Young, heretofore of Graeme Parke, Gentleman; & Ozwald Eve, late of the Northern Liberties of the City of Philadelphia, Merch't & Gunpowder maker; all now or late of the City of Philadelphia: And David Potts, of Pottsgrove, Merchant, (Son of John Potts;) & Christopher Saur, the Elder, & Christopher Saur, the Younger, Printers; Joseph Shoemaker, & Abraham Pastorius, Tanners; Andrew Hathe, Innkeeper; Melchoir Ming, Carter & Baker, & Jacob Meng, all now or late of Germantown Township: And Peter Robeson, & Jonathan Robeson, the Younger, Millers, (sons of Jonathan Robeson,) now or late of the Township of White Marsh; And Abraham Iredell, Surveyor; James Davis, William Christy, Mason; & John Roberts, Laborer; all now or late of the Township of Hersham: And John Roberts, Blacksmith; Nathan Carver, Wheelwright; and Israel Evans, Blacksmith; all now or late of upper Dublin Township: And John Huntsman, miller; Robert Cunrad, Mason; Enoch Supplee, farmer; & William Evans, Carpenter; all now or late of the Township of Norrington: Nicholas Knight, Limeburner; John Parker, John Lisle, & Robert Lisle, laborers; all now or late of the Township of Plymouth: And Jacob Richardson, Carpenter, of Upper Merion Township; And Stephen Stiger, Yeoman; now or late of the Township of Whitpain: And William McMurtrey, Merchant; and Edward Stiles, Mariner & Merchant; both now or late of the Township of Oxford; all late or now of the County of Philadelphia: And John Bulla, now or late of the Township of Newlin; Curtis Lewis, Blacksmith; now or late of the Township of East Caln; Timothy Hurst, Gentleman; and Richard Swanwick, now or late of the Custom House, Philadelphia; all now or late of the County of Chester: And Caleb Pyle, of the Township of West Malborough; Isaac Green, the younger, now or late of the Township of East Caln, Husbandman, & William Armstrong, Shoemaker, both now or late of the Township of Sadsbury; all now or late of the said County of Chester: And Henry Skyes, Yeoman, now or late of the County of Lancas-

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ter: And Alexander Irwin, Carter, now or late of East Pennsborough Township, in the County of Cumberland: And Joseph Romiets, Yeoman, now or late of the County of Northampton: And Daniel Coxe, heretofore of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, Esq'r: And James Chalmers, formerly of the City of Philadelphia, Merchant, late of Kent County, Maryland, Yeoman: And Francis Armstrong, Dealer in Horses, now or late of the Township of Sadsbury, in the County of Chester; to render themselves respectively to some or one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, or of the Justices of the Peace of one of the Counties within this State, on or before Monday the Sixth day of July next ensuing, & also abide their legal tryal for such their Treasons, on pain that every of them not rendering himself as aforesaid, and abideing the trial aforesaid, shall from & after the said Sixth day of July next, stand & be attainted of High Treason, to all intents & purposes, & shall suffer such pains & penalties, & undergo all such forfeitures as persons attainted of High Treason ought to do.

And a Proclamation in due form being accordingly prepared & read,

Ordered, That the same be sealed with the State Seal, signed by the Honorable Vice President & attested by the Secretary; And that the same be Published in Mr. John Dunlap's General Advertiser, on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That four hundred Copies of the before mentioned Proclamation be printed, & Copies thereof sent to the Sheriff of the respective Counties of this State, where the persons therein named have heretofore resided, with orders to read, or cause the same to be read, in the respective County Towns where it can with safety be done; & in cases where that cannot be done, that the same be done in some public place, as near the County Town as the Sheriff shall judge to be safe so to do, & that he set up or cause to be set up, one Copy at each of at least Ten different places, where he shall judge the same shall be most publicly known, so far as the same shall be found to be practicable.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Friday May 22, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Edgar,	Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,	Jacob Arndt, &	
——— Mackay,	John Hambright.	

Capt. Tho's Biles, of the late third, now fourth Battalion, Commanded by Colo. L. Caldwalader, who has been Prisoner with the

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Enemy, applied to the Council for a Certificate of his Rank; & the same being considered, thereupon,

Ordered, That a Copy of the Minute of the Committee of Safety of the 5th January, 1766, be Certified by the Secretary & delivered to Capt. Biles, & to such other Officers as shall apply for it.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. William Clark, Paymaster of Cumberland Militia, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, for paying of the Militia, & for which Sum he is to account.

Bartram Galbraith, Esq'r, Lieu. of the County of Lancaster, now represented to Council that complaint is made by the people to whom Money is due from the Continent for Waggon Service; of the great hardship of having their effects distrained for Militia fines, while the said Waggon Service remains unpaid;

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Certificates of the Deputy Quarter Master be received in Payment of Militia fines, from those persons to whom such Certificates have been given, but not from any persons who may have obtained assignments of such Certificates, except only in cases where divers persons, each having such Certificate, Pay their fines by the Certificates of some one of such persons.

Colo. Boyd, one of the Sub-Lieutenants of the County of Chester, representing to Council that many of the inhabitants of divers of the Townships in the South Easterly parts of that County, being disaffected from the cause of liberty & the United States, do with force & Arms, in a riotous & seditious manner, commit Treason & felony, & oppose the execution of the Laws;

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Lieut. of said County of Chester, do select a party of seventy-five Men, including a Captain, two Lieutenants & one Ensign, and proper Non-Commissioned Officers from the Classes of the Militia of the said County, this day ordered to be drawn out & embodied for actual service; the said party to be employed in apprehending such offenders, & in supporting the due execution of the Laws of this State, for the space of two Months, or 'til further orders; & that Col. Boyd do take necessary measures to victual & supply the said party in such sort as the Militia in the Continental Service & Pay are provided. And it is recommended to Colo. Boyd, to whose prudence & direction the said party is committed, to be careful to give such orders & cautions to the Officers & Privates as may best prevent any irregularities or just ground of complaint from the inhabitants, so that nothing be done by them by way of Punishment, but of Arrest in order to Punishment, reserving the guilty for hearing & trial, in due time & place, & remembering that a contrary conduct in the Militia will reflect discredit on Council, & on the cause of Freedom.

Ordered, That the first & second Classes of the Militia of Chester County be called into service, & join the Militia Camp now or

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late under the command of General Lacy. And it being represented to this Council, that from divers circumstances of the Militia of some parts of the County of Chester, had not been duly notified to serve, agreeable to the orders of Council heretofore issued,

Ordered, That four Classes of such of the Militia of the County of Chester as have not been duly notified to serve according to the orders heretofore issued, be now called into service & join the Militia Camp now or late under the Command of Gen'l Lacy: These four Classes to be next in order to those in the respective places which have been called into service & duly notified.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Henry, Esq'r, for the Sum of Forty-one pounds & fourteen Shillings, amount of Expences accrued by illuminating this Borough on the annunciation of the Treaties signed between France & the United States of America.

Two orders from the board of War, on Colo. Benja. Flower, One for "one ton of Lead & half Ton of Riffle & Musket Powder, in such proportions as this Council shall direct, to be issued for the defence of the frontiers of this State." "A duplicate of this order is given, one of which be transmitted to you by Gen'l Robourdeau in behalf of the Council of this State, whose order is to be complied with, if you should not before that time receive the Orders of Council.

"(Signed) TIM PICKERING."

The other to "deliver to the order of the Hon'ble Council of Pennsylvania, Two thousand Flints.

"(Signed) RICH'D PETERS."

Ordered, That the said Flints be delivered to John Carothers, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland, for the use of the Militia of Cumberland, Westmoreland, and Northumberland Counties, each one-fourth part.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday May 23d, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, James Edgar, &
Jonat'n Hoge, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,

The Petition of Sam'l Johnson, of York Town, in the County of York, Esq'r, (who had heretofore held Offices of trust under the

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authority of the King of Great Britain, & declines to take the Oath of Allegiance required by Law,) praying leave to sell & Convey his Estate Real, agreeable to a power for that purpose mentioned in the Act of Assembly, within such time & in such manner as this Council shall think proper to permit; and also to give him leave to retire out of this State, &c, being read; on consideration,

Ordered, That a Permit be made out to Sam'l Johnson, Esq'r, to sell his Estate Real, according to his Petition and the Law in such case made and provided: And the Permit being prepared & read; thereupon,

Ordered, That the great Seal of the State be affixed to the said Permit, & that it be signed by the Hon'ble the Vice President, and attested by the Secretary, and the same was executed accordingly.

Col. Curtis Grubb, now representing that the Guard at Lebanon is insufficient; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Lieu. of the County of Lancaster do furnish a Guard, not exceeding One hundred Men, to be stationed at Lebanon, for the Security of the Continental Stores in that Town.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Will'm Hart, or his order, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to purchase Horses with for the Continental Army, & for which Sum the said Hart is to account.

The Council being informed that His Excell'y Tho's Wharton, Jun'r, Esq'r, President of this Council, departed this life early this Morning, And James McLene & Will'm Duffield, Esq'rs, a Committee from the Hon'ble House, attended the Council & proposed that one or more members of the Council be appointed to Join a Committee of the House in superintending & directing the funeral of his Excellency;

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Colo. Hart Join a Committee of the Hon'ble. House of Assembly, & with them conduct the Funeral of His Excellency the President.

Sunday, May the 24, 1778.

The Council met, in order to attend the funeral of His Excell'y Tho's Wharton, Jun'r, Esq'r, President, & set out in due form.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday May 25, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,
James Edgar,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Jacob Morgan, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Three hundred and One Pounds & five Shillings, for his atttendance in Council One hundred & Eighty days, & Mileage on 56 Miles, & on 31 Miles, (42 days, @ 25s., 138 days, @ 35s.)

The Hon'ble Colo. Hart reports, That the following orders was adopted, the Committee appointed to Superintend the funeral of Tho's Wharton, jun'r, Esq'r, President, To Wit:

"That the body be inclosed in a double Coffin, & intered in the Evangelical Trinity Church in this borough, the Elders & Vestry of that Church having politely requested that it might be there interred."

And that the Procession be as follows:

"The Military under the Conduct of Colo. Gibson.
"Physicians.
"The Corpse, covered with the Pall.
"The Pall supported by Six Members of the Council.
"His Excellencies Three Sons and his Brother.
"The Hon'ble Vice President, attended by the Secretary, on his left hand.
"The remaining Members of the Council.
"The State Treasurer and the Judges of the Supreme Court.
"The Delegates of the State in Congress, who may be in the Borough.
"The Hon'ble the Speaker of the House of General Assembly.
"The Clerk of the House on his left hand.
"Members of the House of General Assembly.
"Door-keeper of the Council, and of House of Assembly.
"Corporation of the Borough, and the Magistrates of the County.
"Coroner and Prothonotary of the County.
"Gentlemen of the Law.
"Officers of the Army and of the Navy.
"Citizens."

"And that the funeral was conducted with great decorum, and that the Military in particular, had been very attentive to Pay the Honors due to His Excellencie's Character & Station."

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The order of the Military was as follows, To Wit:

"Two Serjeants, with Arms reversed.
"Lieutentant and Ensign.
"Band of Music.
"Fifes and Drums.
"Soldiers in four Divisions; Ten deep; Arms reversed.
"Captain of the Company."

On the Corpse being brought out & placed on the Bier, a signal was given, & the Artillery on the Common began to fire Minute Guns, (which they continued to do during the Procession, firing 44 Guns;) when the Grave was closed, three Volleys were fired, & the Party retired. "The attention paid by Colo. George Gibson, Lieut. Stephen Bayard, & Major James Ross, of the Continental Army, on this occasion, do them Honor; And the Gentlemen of the Borough, in their Military Character, made a very handsome appearance; and the whole was conducted with the most exact decorum."

Ordered, That the Funeral Procession of His Excellency, The President, be published in the English & German papers.

Daniel Levan, jun'r, Esq'r, Sheriff of the County of Berks, having now made return of the Writ issued by this Council for holding an Election for the chusing a Councellor for the said County of Berks, and the same being read, it appears that James Read, Esq'r, was elected Councellor; And the said James Read, Esq'r, appearing & proposing to take his seat in Council, The Council proposing to take the said return into their consideration, Mr. Read withdrew. And the nineteenth Section of the second Chapter of the "Plan or Frame of Government" being read, it appears that "No member of the General Assembly or Delegate in Congress, shall be chosen a member of the Council;" Whereupon, It is unanimously the opinion of this Council, That as James Read, Esq'r, at the time of the holding the said Election was and still is a Member of the General Assembly, the said Election & return are void, as being directly contrary to the express words of the Constitution in such case;

On consideration,

Ordered, That a writ be now issued to the Sheriff of the County of Berks, commanding & authorizing him to hold an Election for the chusing of a Councellor for the said County, agreeable to the frame of Government, and to make return thereof to this Council on or before Thursday, the 25th day of June next.

The following order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Stephen Cochran, Esq'r, for the Sum of Eight hundred Dollars, to purchase Horses with for the Continent; this Sum to be charged to Samuel Futhey, & to be delivered to him by Mr Cochran.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Andrew Kichlein, Commissioner in the County of Bucks, for purchasing Provisions for the Army, for the Sum of Eight Thousand Dollars, for which he is to account.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday May 26, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Tho's Scott. } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,
James Edgar,

The Clerk of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly laid before the Council a Reselve of the House for continuing the officers of the State Navy in Pay until the next sitting of Assembly.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday May 27, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jona. Hoge, & John Hambright. } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,
James Edgar,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Dehaven, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, for which Mr. Dehaven is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esq'r, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be by him forwarded to John Arndt & Dav'd Deshler, Esq'rs, Commissioners for purchasing Provisions in the County of Northampton, & to be charged to the said John Arndt & David Deshler.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Guy, or his order, for the Sum of Thirty-four Pounds, for twelve days' service with his Waggon, in bringing the Baggage of the Galley men from Trenton to this borough, seven days of which time he received no Rations for himself or Horses.

The Petition of Lawrence Gremes, John Moore, James Welsh & James Wallace, convicted of Felony in the County of York, setting forth that they have suffered the Capital Punishment adjudged in their case, & praying their fines may be remitted, offering to enlist in the Continental Army, being read & considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Lawrence Gremes, John More, James Welsh & James Wallace, have their fines remitted, & be discharged on their enlisting in the Continental Army, to serve during the present War; Such fines to be considered as their bounty Money.

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Mr. Peter Dehaven applied to the Council for an increase of his Pay, the same being inadequate to his service; thereupon,

Ordered, That Peter Dehaven's Pay be put on the same footing with that of Mr. Benja. Rittenhouse.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday May 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEO. BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt,
——— Mackay, John Hambright, &
Jonathan Hoge, Thomas Scott.
James Edgar, } Esq'rs.

Matthew Smith, Esq'r, elected to represent in this Council the County of Lancaster, appeared, & being duly qualified, took his seat in Council accordingly.

A return of an Election for the Chusing Members of Assembly, Sheriffs, Coroners & Commissioners for the County of Philadelphia, held the 14th day of October last, being now read, it appears that James Claypoole & John Moor were chosen & returned for the Office of Sheriff.

Robert Jewell & Christian Hawn were chosen & returned for the Office of Coroner; and that Robert Curry was chosen Commissioner;

On Consideration,

Ordered, That James Claypoole be appointed and Commissioned Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia; and that Robert Jewell be appointed & Commissioned to be Coroner of the said County of Philadelphia.

The Petition of the Rev'd Alexander Murray, Missionary of the Society for the propagating of the Gospel in foreign parts, praying that he may be permitted to sell his real Estate in this State, &ca, being read, & the same being considered;

Ordered, That a permit be made out to the Rev'd Alexander Murray, to sell & convey his estate real, according to his Petition & the Law in such case made & provided: And the permit being prepared & read; thereupon,

Ordered, That the great Seal of the State be affixed to the said Permit, & that it be Signed by the Hon'ble the Vice President & attested by the Secretary; and the same was executed accordingly.

And it having been represented to this Council, that the said Alex'a Murray hath real Estate in the Counties of Philadelphia,

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Berks, Bedford, & Northumberland, where his presence may be necessary in order to sell & convey his said real Estate;

On Consideration,

Ordered, That a Pass be made out, permitting the said Alex'a Murray to travel into the said Counties of Philadelphia, Berks, Northumberland, & Bedford, for the purpose of selling & Conveying his Estate, agreeable to the permission Given to him by this Council.

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Friday May 29, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, ——— Mackay, Jonathan Hoge, James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, John Hambright, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, or his order; One for the Sum of One Thousand & five hundred Dollars, & one for the Sum of Two Thousand & Five hundred Dollars, which said Sums of Money are to be forwarded by him to Colo. Sam'l Hunter, Lieu't of the County of Northumberland, to purchase Provisions with for the Militia: And the said Sums are to be charged to the said Sam'l Hunter.

Joseph Walker laid before the Council a Receipt from Samuel Sarjant, Storekeeper to the Continent, for 4 Guns, 3 Bayonets, 2 Belts, 4 Cartouch Boxes, 1 Drum, 24 Knapsacks, & 19 Canteens, belonging to this State, which Mr. Walker brought from Philadelphia, & laid an account of expences in carrying them, &ca, amounting to £15;

On Consideration,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Joseph Walker, for the Sum of Five Pounds, for his Trouble & expence in securing & conveying the said Arms to Carlisle.

Ordered, That Timothy Matlack, our Secretary, be appointed Keeper of the Register of the names of all such persons attainted, or to be attainted of High Treason, by Virtue of the Act entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Common Wealth; & for more effectually discovering the same & for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful debts & Claims thereupon," & of all real & personal Estates & interest, by the said act or other-

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wise vested in this State, by reason of such attainder, & by whom such Estates were respectively forfeited, and what Interest every such person had in any of the Premises on the fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred & seventy-six, or at any time afterwards, & by what Tenures the same were respectively holden, & of all incumbrances to which the said Estates were Subject before, & upon the same days, & other purposes expressed in the said Act.

Ordered, That the following named Persons be appointed Agents, according to An Act of General Assembly, entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Common-Wealth, and for effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful debts & claims; thereupon," to Wit: For the City of Philadelphia, William Will, Jacob Shriner, Charles Wilson Peale, Robert Smith (Hatter,) & Samuel Massey. For the county of Philadelphia, William Antis, Daniel Heister, & Archibald Thompson. For the County of Chester, William Evans, Thomas Cheney, Thomas Levis, Patterson Bell, & John Hannum. For the County of Bucks, George Waln, Jun'r, Richard Gibbs, John Crawford, & Benjamin Soigle. For the County of Lancaster, Everhart Michael, Philip Greenwalt, George Stewart, & Francis Armstrong. For the County of York, Robert Stephenson, James Nailor, William Chesney, Tho's Stockton, & Thomas Lilly. For the County of Cumberland, George Stevenson, John Boggs, & Joseph Brady. For the County of Northampton Samuel Ray, Jacob Miller, Stephen Balliott, Rob't Levers & William McNair. For the County of Berks, Henry Haller, Thomas Parry & David Morgan. For the County of Bedford, Rob't Galbraith, Thomas Urie, & John Piper. For the County of Northumberland, John Kelly, & Thomas Hewitt. For the County of Westmorland, Col. John Proctor, & Thomas Galbraith.

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the said Act be printed for the use of the said Commissioners. The Instruction to be given to the above mentioned Agents being drafted, was now read & approved, & are as follows, Viz't:

"Instructions to the Agents appointed by Virtue of the Act entitled 'An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Common-Wealth, & for more effectually discovering the same, and for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful debts & claims thereupon':

First. "You are to repair to some Judge of the Supreme Court, Justice of the Common Pleas, or Justice of the Peace, in & for your County, take & subscribe, unless you have already done so, the Oath of Allegiance & fidelity, described by an Act of Assembly enacted the 13th day of June last, entitled 'An Act obliging the male white inhabitants of this State to give assurances

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of Allegiance to the same, & for other purposes therein mentioned;" and also the oath of Office, directed in the Act of Assembly, from whence your present powers are derived: you are to procure & keep safely by you certificates under the hand & Seal of such Judge or Justice of your having thus qualified yourself to act; And you are to have the same entered by such Judge or Justice in his Record or book. Duplicates of these certificates should be carefully sent to the Secretary of this Council, who is keeper of the Register, to be filed with him for the greater caution.

Secondly. "You are to enquire into all such Estates, both real & personal, as are vested or intended to be vested in the State by the said Act, & make returns thereof to this Council, mentioning in the said return the quantity, quality & condition, as near as may be, of such real Estates, & in whose occupation or possession the same may be, & all incumbrances & other circumstances relating thereto. Great attention should be given to furnish to Council all the information that comes to the knowledge of the agents, concerning the real Estates vested by this Act in the State, such as the nature of the Estate; whether freehold; leasehold; the term, whether for ever, for life or lives, or for years; the ground rents, rent charges, Chief-rents or quit-rents, & what arrears may be due; the claims, if any, made on such Estates by persons out of possession, & by Widows for dower; of the manner in which the late feoffee or Tenant became seized or possessed, whether by descent, will or purchase, with the date & other particulars of the Will or deed, and the recording. That early, exact & particular returns of the circumstances of each Estate be made to Council by careful messengers, in order that the keeper of the Register may be able to keep a Register of every thing, & transmit duplicates of the same to the Supreme Court & to the Sheriff, as the Act directs.

Thirdly. "You are to have all such personal Estates appraised by two freeholders, on oath or affirmation, according to law, & to make exact inventories thereof, under the hands & Seals of the appraisers, signed also by yourself, & returned to this Council; you are to be very careful not to suffer the effects of one Estate to be intermixed with those of another; as these Estates may be subject to claims of debt, & for other reasons; you are to make the enquiry after such Estates upon Oath. This power seems to be reserved to the Council.

Fourthly. "You are to lease the real Estate, respectively, on the best terms you can obtain, for one year, taking special care that they are not injured by the Tenants or others. The personal Estates are to be sold after the day assigned for surrender elapses, (without such surrender,) giving ten days notice at least, in the manner of Sheriffs, & Certificates of such sale given to each purchaser, under hand & seal, (if desired,) that he may be able to support his title to the Goods purchased by a further Certificate, to be thereafter issued by the President or Vice President & Council, when the same may be demanded.

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Fifthly. "You are not to adjust the reward for discovering of forfeited Estates, but refer it to this Council."

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday June 3d, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Edgar,	Esq'rs.
—— Mackay,	Jacob Arndt,	
—— Smith,	John Hambright, &	
Jonathan Hoge,	Thomas Scott.	

Colo. Buchanan, from the County of Cumberland, attending in the Council, & representing that the Militia of that County are in great want of Riffles for their defence against the Indians, who are now ravageing the frontiers; and it appearing that Will'm Henry, Esq'r, has about fifty Riffles in his possession,

Ordered, That William Henry, Esq'r, be requested to deliver to Colo. Arthur Buchanan, fifty Riffles, to be by him delivered to John Caruthers, Esq'r, Lieut. of the County of Cumberland, or his order, for the defence of the Frontiers.

Ordered, That Will'm Henry, Esq'r, be requested to deliver to Colonel Arthur Buchanan, Fifty Muskets, of the Guns belonging to this State, to be by him delivered to John Caruthers, Esq'r, Lieut. of the County of Cumberland, or his order, for the defence of the frontiers.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday June 4, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Edgar,	Esq'rs.
—— Mackay,	Jacob Arndt,	
—— Smith,	John Hambright, &	
Jonathan Hoge,	Thomas Scott.	

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt:

In favor of Michael Hubley, Esq'r, for the sum of sixty-four pounds & two shillings, for Wood supplied for this Council & the House of Assembly.

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In favor of Frederick Snyder, for the Sum of Fifty Pounds & ten shillings, for his attendance at the Door to the third instant inclusive, & sundry small expences.

A Copy of a Resolve of Congress of the 28th May last, "That all further purchases of Cloathing on account of the United States by the Clothier General, his deputies, or agents, be forthwith suspended," being laid before the Council by Jacob S. Howell, & the same being considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Commissioners appointed to purchase Cloathing in this State be ordered immediately to cease from further purchases, & report their proceedings to Council.

Colo. Hannum & Colo. Cheney having represented that they are very confident that the guard of Men ordered on the 22nd ultimo, is necessary for the purpose of Collecting the fines due for non-service in the Classes of Militia called out by order of Council in the County of Chester, and as the difficulties attending that duty is evidently greatly lessened by the preparations made by the Enemy for leaving the City of Philadelphia;

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the Party directed by the order of the 22nd of last Month, to be drawn out of the Classes then ordered into the field, do proceed to Camp with the Classes from which they were ordered to be taken.

On the representation of Colo. John Hannums of the ravages made by the Enemy in their March thro' Chester County, & of the great quantities of Provisions, Forage, &ca, which have been furnished by the people of that County for the use of the Army, for which they have received Certificates only, & the great difficulties the people are under in raising the substitute, Money, & Militia Fines due from them;

Ordered, That good & sufficient Certificates from the known Commissioners, Deputy Quarter Masters, or Commissaries, be received in payment of Substitute Money & Militia fines, from those persons to whom such Certificates have been Given; but not from any persons who may have obtained assignments of such Certificates, except only in such cases where divers persons, each having such Certificates, pay their fines by some one of such Certificates.

John McMekin, Constable of the Township of East Fallowfield, in the County of Chester, laid before the Council an account of expences in bringing to the Goal of this County from the County of Chester, James Chalfin & Evan Chalfin, charged with having taken prisoner one of the inhabitants of the said County, & attempting to carry him to the Enemy, amounting to the Sum of Eleven Pounds & Sixpence.

And an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John McMakin, for the Sum of Eleven Pounds & Sixpence, for the aforesaid expences.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday June 5, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Edgar,	Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,	Jacob Arndt,	
——— Smith,	John Hambright, &	
Jonathan Hoge,	Thomas Scott,	

Colo. Hart reports, That there is in the hands of the Widow of James Wallace, late of Bucks County, a few pounds of Gunpowder, put into the hands of said Wallace by the Committee of Safety to exchange for salt petre, & she represents that it is likely it may be wanted by the Militia of that County;

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the Gunpowder belonging to the State, now in the hands of the Widow Wallace, be delivered into the hands of Col William Roberts, for the use of the Militia.

Divers Letters from Col. Hunter, representing the distress of the people of the County of Northumberland, being read,

Ordered, That Mr. Smith & Mr. Scott be appointed to wait on the board of War, & represent at that board the necessity of a supply of Arms & ammunition for the frontier Counties.

Capt. John Marshall having reported that he had inlisted One hundred & Forty Men, and that he was in great want of Money; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. John Marshall, for the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars, for which sum Capt. Marshall is to account.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday June 6, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President.

Jos. Hart,	Jona'n Hoge,	Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,	John Hambright,	

Will'm Pollard & Company having supplied the Commissary of the State Fleet with Nine Hhds of Jamaica Spirits, & the price not being adjusted,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Pollard & Company, for the sum of Three Thousand pounds, in part for the said Spirits, to be charged to Will'm Crispin, Commissary.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Scott, paymaster of Militia of the County of Bucks, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to be charged to Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster of Militia.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday June 8, 1777.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, ——— Mackay, Jonat'n Hoge, Jacob Arndt, & Tho's Scott. } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Timothy Matlack, or his order, for the Sum of Three hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The Rev'd James Davidson laid before the Council an account of the expenditures of the sum of One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, ordered to be paid into his hands for the use of the Salt Works at Tom's River, in New Jersey; by which account it appears that there remains in his hands the Sum of Thirty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings & Eight Pence, & also a Roan Horse, purchased for the sum of One hundred & fifteen Pounds and Ten Shillings.

Ordered, That the said Sum of Thirty-three Pounds & Nineteen Shillings & Eight Pence be paid into the hands of the Treasurer, & that the Horse be delivered to the Secretary.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday June 9, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, ——— Mackay, Jon'a Hoge, Jacob Arndt, & Tho's Scott. } Esq'rs.

A Letter from the board of War, enclosing Resolves of Congress of the 8th instant, for raising a Company of Men for defending the Frontier of Northumberland County.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Will'm Clark, Pay Master of Militia in Cumberland County, for the Sum of Six hundred Pounds, to be charged to Tho's Dorsey, Pay M'r of Militia.

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The Hon'ble Will'm Atlee applied to the Council for the removing the Galley men from the Barracks, that the Hessians may be there secured.

Ordered, That the Lieut. of the County of Lancaster, do supply two hundred Militia for a Guard in this Borough, & that he do exert himself to procure them as soon as Possible.

The guard at Middletown are to be considered as a part of the said two hundred Men.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday June 10, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,
Jonat'n Hoge,

Capt Bankson laid before the Council a Roll of Twelve Men mustered by Will'm Henry, Esq'r, & represented that he was under very great necessity of Money to pay them the remainder of their bounty, as he had not been able to obtain it of Colo. Galbraith; And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain John Bankson, for the Sum of Seven hundred Dollars, for the recruiting service, for which Sum he is to account.

Ordered, That Colo. Sam. Hunter do appoint proper persons to raise a Company of Men for the defence of the County of Northumberland, agreeable to the Resolve of Congress of the 8th inst., & that Commissions be issued to the Officers of the said Company as soon as Colo. Hunter shall have reported their success, agreeable to the said resolve of Congress.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday June 11, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,
Jonat'n Hoge,

Morris Lisk, one of the men belonging to the Bull dog Galley, having obtained a Furlow, & being in great necessity for a small Sum of Money; thereupon,

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Morris Lisk, for the Sum of Six Pounds, part of his Pay; the same to be charged to Will'm C. Bradford, Pay Master of the State Fleet.

James Claypoole proposed John Ord, Esq'r, & Doctor Frederick Phyle, as security for the due performance of his Office as Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia, & they were approved.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday June 12, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, ——— Mackay, Jonat'n Hoge, Jacob Arndt, & Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.

Petition of divers field officers of the Pennsylvania Regim't respecting Cloathing, was read, & the return of the Cloathing now wanted, considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the return of Cloathing wanted, sent in by the field Officers of the Pennsylvania Battalions, be sent to Mr. Jacob S. Howell, to whom this business is committed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer on favor of Lieut. John Boyd, for the Sum of six hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting service, for which he is to account.

Capt. Andrew Boyd, having offered a Reward of two hundred Dollars for apprehending each of James Fitzpatrick and Mordecai Dougherty, who were concerned in seizing & carrying off a certain Joseph Lucky; the same being approved of by this Council, the Secretary is to inform him of such approbation.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Proctor, Esq'r, Pay Master of Militia of the County of Westmorland, for the Sum of one thousand & Five hundred Pounds, for Paying the Militia of the said County, to be charged to Tho's Dorsey, Pay Master of Militia.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday June 13, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt, &	} Esq'rs.
—— Mackay,	Tho's Scott.	
Jonat'n Hoge,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. George Schlosser, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, Money advanced by him to David Deshler & John Arndt, Esq'rs, Commissioners for purchasing Provisions in Northampton County, to be charged to the said Commissioners; and an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob Frank, for the Sum of six hundred & thirty Pounds, money advanced by him to Dav'd Deshler & John Arndt, Esq'rs, Commissioners for purchasing Provisions in Northampton County, to be charged to the said Commissioners.

James Claypoole, Esq'r, appeared & took the Oaths required by Law to qualify him for the execution of the Office of Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Monday June 15, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

—— Mackay,	John Hambright, &	} Esq'rs.
Matt'w Smith,	Tho's Scott.	
Jacob Arndt,		

Divers depositions relating to a Robbery committed on the property of Garrat Vansant, of Middletown, in the County of Bucks, & to the abuse to Ensign Garrat Vansant, jun'r, & the plundering of effects in his possession; both by persons of the State of New Jersey;

Ordered, That application be made to his Excell'y Gen'l Livingston, to take the measures necessary for seizing and delivering over to trial, the Persons charged with the aforesaid Crimes.

On motion, the Council now take into Consideration the issuing of a Proclamation under the State Seal, requiring divers persons, who it is said have Joined the Armies of the Enemy, to render themselves & abide their legal trial for their Treasons, &ca, according to Law; and therefore,

Ordered, That the following Proclamotion be now issued under the State Seal, Viz't:

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"*Pennsylvania, ss:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania:*

"WHEREAS, The following named persons, late & heretofore inhabitants of this State, that is to say:—James Inglis, Trader; Robert Coupar, Trader; Carpenter Wharton, late Commissary; John Chevalier, Merchant; James Club, Mariner; Benja. Towne, Printer; James Smyther, Engraver; Joel Evans, Merchant; Anthony Yeldall, Surgeon; William Morris, Mariner, late Constable; John Cunningham, Inn-keeper; William Taylor, Silver Smith; Frederick Verner, Yeoman; Anthony Thomas, Jun, Hatter; Samuel Garrigues, Jun'r, Trader; Joseph Stansbury, dealer in Earthenware; John Bray, School-master, late Constable; Ross Curry, Gentleman, late Lieutenant in the Service of the American States; John Johnson, Coachmaker; John Airey, late of the Post Office; John Hales, Stable-Keeper; Dunnin Irwin, Trader; John Pike, Dancing Master; John Palmer, Mason; James Craig, Ropemaker & Merchant; John Henderson, Mariner; Benjamin Davis, hatter; George Spangler, Trader; James Fisher, Trader; Hugh Henry, Peruke-maker; Jacob Mayer, Peruke-maker; Isaac Wharton, merchant; Benjamin Gibbs, Merchant; James Gregson, and Thomas Bramhall, Button-Makers; Samuel Jeffreys, Watch Maker; Michael Cannon, Merchant; Robert Looseley, Shoe-maker; Henry Jounken, Trader; Henry Welfing, Shoe-maker; & Robert Dove, Leather-Cutter; all now or late of the City of Philadelphia; & William Williams, Ship wright; Lawrence Fegan, Tavern-keeper; John Brown, distiller; & William Taylor, ship-wright; all now or late of the Northern liberties Township: And David Gregory, Mariner; John Tolley, Mariner; David Thompson & Charles Moran, Ship-wright; all now or late of the district of Southwork: And John Buckingham, Laborer, now or late of the Township of Blockley: And Joseph Bolton, Joiner; & John Butcher, Husbandman, both now or late of the Township of Blockley: And Peter Sour, Printer, now or late of German Town Township: And Stephen Styer, Yeoman, now or late of the Township of Whitpaine; all now or late of the County of Philadelphia: And Joel Bryan, Husbandman, now or late of the Township of Haycock; And George Burns, Weaver; Joseph Doan, Laborer; Isaac Mitchener, Laborer; & John Rodgers, Laborer, all now or late of the Township of Plumstead; Hugh Lindon, School-master; Robert Coley, jun., Saddler; William Fell, Weaver; John Hill, Limeburner; & Dennis Easton, Laborer, all now or late of the Township of Buckingham; Henry Dennis, Shipwright; John Dennis,

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Wheelwright; John Howell, Laborer; Mordecai Balderstone, Weaver; Uriah Lindy, Laborer; William Brown, Cooper; Jeremiah Hendrickson, Laborer; James M'Mullen, Laborer; Thomas Featherly, Miller; William Skilton, Laborer; Levy Kennett, Laborer; John Cable, Laborer; & Ephraim Williams, Laborer; all now or late of the Township of Solsbury; and Joseph Canby, Laborer; Thomas Canby, Blacksmith; Samuel Burrows, Laborer; John Harvey, Laborer; & George Boatman, Laborer; all now or late of the Township of Upper Makefield; And Peter Price, Laborer, now or late of the Township of Middletown; And Thomas Martin, Cooper; John Stackhouse, Benjamin Brown, Joseph Doble, James Gilmore & Henry Hill, Husbandman; all now or late of the Township of Falls, And Alexander Rickey, Laborer, now or late of the Township of Lower Makefield; Andrew De Normandie, Practitioner in Medicine; Benjamin Brown, Carpenter; William De Normandie, laborer; John Gosling, Shoemaker; Arthur Campbell, Laborer; John Stackhouse, Husbandman; John Poor, John Elwood & William Davis, Watermen; all now or late of the Township of Bristol; And Joseph Swift, Gentleman, Lieutenant in the Kings Army, now or late of the Township of Bensalem; Samuel Chapman & Amos Chapman, Husbandmen; Abram Chapman, Cooper; David Chapman, Miller; & Abraham Clark, Taylor; all now or late of the Township of Wrightstown; all now or late of the County of Bucks: And John Briggs, Husbandman, now or late of the Township of Willis Town; George Davis, Husbandman, now or late of the Township of Springfield; John Taylor, Tavern-keeper; John Moulder, Waterman; John Talbot, Wheelwright; & Thomas Barton, Sawyer; all now or late of the Township of Chichester: And Jesse Bean, junior; Jacob Tregoe, Blacksmith; Caleb Haines, Weaver; & Joshua Thompson, Taylor; all now or late of the Township of Goshen: And Jacob Buffington, Carpenter; & William Stroud, Saddler; both now or late of the Township of West Bradford; Joseph Malin, Wheelright; & Elisha Malin, joiner; both now or late of the Township of East Whiteland; Edward Grissil, Laborer; & John Wilson, Taylor; both now or late of the Township of Thornbury; Will'm Milson, Taylor; Isaac Bullock, Laborer; Benjamin James, Cooper; & John Burnet, jun'r, Laborer; all now or late of the Township of Concord: And Samuel Hart, Laborer; & Abijah Park, Mason; both now or late of the Township of East Bradford; Jacob Cypher, Miller, now or late of the Township of Tredyffin; Samuel Bell, Carpenter, now or late of the Township of Easton; William Maddock, Tavern-keeper; William Dunn, Laborer; Joseph Edwards, Mason; George Dunn, Taylor; James Malin, Laborer; & Gideon Vernon, Husbandman; all now or late of the Township of Providence: And Christopher Wilson, Husbandman; & John Taylor, Grazier; both now or late of the Township of Ridley: Benjamin Miller, Saddler, now or late of the Township of

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East Caln; Joshua Proctor, Laborer, now or late of the Township of Newtown; Aaron Ashbridge, Waterman; Joseph Gill, Malster; Elias Wernon, Taylor; all now or late of the Township of Chester: And Daniel Rogers, Carpenter; now or late of the Township of Egmont: And John Supplee, William Caldwell & James Hart, Husbandmen; John Musgrove, Trader; and William Andrews, Fuller; all now or late of the Township of Darby: And William Smith of Tinnicum Island; & William Anderson, Laborer; both now or late of the Township of Ridley; Henry Effinger, Junior, Hugh Ocain, William Kennedy, Darby Ocain, & James McClarin, Laborers; & Isaiah Worrell, Miller; All now or late of the Township of Springfield: And Isaac Burk, Abraham Falkenton, Thomas Burns, William Clarke, & George Good, Laborers; and William Henry, Taylor; all now or late of the Township of Providence: And George Dunn, & David Maris, Taylors; & William Bell, Laborer; all now or late of the Township of Newtown; and Robert Kissack, Weaver; James Brown, Wheelwright; James German & Enoch German, Cordwainers; & Michael Crickley, Laborer; all now or late of the Township of Haverford, all now or late of the County of Chester: And John Spearing, Shoemaker; now or late of the Township of Eastman; John Stackhouse, Moses Morgan, Moses Wood, Abraham Long, Robert Stackhouse, Peter Snyder, John Raymel, John Ink, David Young, John Vaughan, Lawrence Marr, & Peter Hardy, Husbandmen; all now or late of the Township of Mount Bethel: And James Lawson, & Edward McMichael, Husbandmen; both now or late of the Township of Lower Smithfield; & James Allen, Esq'r, now or late of Northampton Village; all now or late of the County of Northampton: And William Willis, Miller, & Richard Willis, Gunsmith; both now or late of the County of York: And John Wilson, Wheelwright, & Husbandman; and Andrew Fursuer, Laborer; both now or late of the Township of Allen; Lawrence Kelly, Cooper; William Curlan, Laborer; John M. Cart, Distiller & Laborer; & Francis Irwin, Carter; all now or late of the Township of East Pennsborough; all now or late of the County of Cumberland: And George Croghan, & Alexander McKee, formerly Indian Traders; Simon Girty, Indian Interpreter; James Girty, Laborer; & Matthew Elliott, Indian Trader; all now or late of the County of Westmoreland: And Malin Dunn, Taylor; now or late of the Township of Providence; have severally adhered to, & knowingly & willingly aided & assisted the Enemies of the State & of the United States of America by having joined their Armies at Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, within this State. We the Supreme Executive Council aforesaid, by virtue of certain powers & authorities to us given by An Act of General Assembly entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Commonwealth; & for more

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effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful debts & claims thereupon;" Do hereby strictly charge & require the said James Inglis, Robert Couper, Carpenter Wharton, John Chevalier, James Club, Benjamin Towne, James Smither, Joel Evans, Anthony Yeldall, William Morris, John Cunningham, William Taylor, Frederick Werner, Arthur Thomas, Samuel Garrigues, Joseph Stansburg, John Bray, Ross Curry, John Johnson, John Airey, John Hales, Dunnin Irwin, John Pike, John Palmer, James Craigh, John Henderson, Benjamin Davis, George Spangler, James Fisher, Hugh Henry, Jacob Mayer, Isaac Wharton, Benjamin Gibbs, James Gregson, Thomas Bramhall, Samuel Jeffreys, Michael Connor, Robert Looseley, Henry Jounken, Henry Welfling, Robert Dove, William Williams, Lawrence Fegan, John Brown, William Taylor, David Gregory, John Tolley, David Thompson, Charles Moran, John Buckingham, Joseph Bolton, John Butcher, Peter Saur, Stephen Styer, Joel Bryan, George Burns, Joseph Dean, Isaac Mitchener, John Rodgers, Hugh Lindon, Robert Coley, William Fell, John Hill, Dennis Easton, Henry Dennis, John Dennis, John Howell, Mordecai Bolderstone, Uriah Lindy, William Brown, Jeremiah Hendrickson, James McMullen, Thomas Featherby, William Skelton, Levy Kennett, John Cable, Ephraim Williams, Joseph Canby, Thomas Canby, Samuel Burrows, John Harvey, George Boatman, Peter Price, Thomas Martin, John Stackhouse, Benjamin Brown, Joseph Doble, James Gilmore, Henry Hill, Alexander Reikey, Andrew De Normandie, Benjamin Brown, William De Normandie, John Gosling, Arthur Campbell, John Stackhouse, John Poor, John Elwood, William Davis, Joseph Swift, Samuel Chapman, Amos Chapman, Abram Chapman, David Chapman, Abraham Clark, John Briggs, George Davis, John Taylor, John Moulder, John Talbot, Thomas Barton, Jesse Bean, Jacob Tregoe, Caleb Haines, Joshua Thompson, Jacob Buffington, William Stroud, Joseph Malin, Elisha Malin, Edward Grissel, John Wilson, William Millson, Isaac Bullock, Benjamin James, John Burnet, Samuel Hart, Abiah Parke, Jacob Cypher, Samuel Bell, William Maddock, William Dunn, Joseph Edwards, George Dunn, James Malin, Gideon Vernon, Christopher Wilson, John Taylor, Benjamin Miller, Joshua Proctor, Aaron Ashbridge, Joseph Gill, Elias Vernon, Daniel Register, John Supplee, William Caldwell, James Hartnet, John Musgrove, William Andrews, William Smith, William Anderson, Henry Effinger, Hugh O'Cain, William Kennedy, Darby O'Cain, James McClarin, Isaiah Worrell, Isaac Burk, Abraham Falkenton, Thomas Burns, William Clark, George Good, William Henry, George Dunn, David Maris, William Bell, Robert Kissack, James Brown, James German, Enoch German, Michael Crickley, John Spering, John Stackhouse, Moses Morgan, Moses Wood, Abraham Long, Robert Stackhouse, Peter Snyder, John Rymel, John Irish, David Young, John Vaughan, Lawrence Marr, Peter Hardy, James Lawson, Edward

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McMichael, James Allen, William Willis, Richard Willis, John Wilson, Andrew Fursuer, Lawrence Kilby, William Curlan, John McCart, Francis Irwin, George Groghan, Alexander M'Kee, Simon Girty, James Girty, Matthew Elliott & Malin Dunn, to render themselves respectively to some or one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, or of the Justices of the Peace of one of the Counties within this State, on or before the third day of August next ensuing, & also abide their legal trial for such their Treasons, on pain that every of them, the said James Inglis, Robert Coupar, Carpenter Wharton, John Chevalier, James Club, Benjamin Towne, James Smither, Joel Evans, Anthony Yeldall, William Morris, John Cunningham, William Taylor, Frederick Verner, Arthur Thomas, Samuel Garrigues, Joseph Stansbury, John Bray, Ross Curry, John Johnson, John Airey, John Hales, Dunnin Irwin, John Pike, John Palmer, James Craig, John Henderson, Benjamin Davis, George Spangler, James Fisher, Hugh Henry, Jacob Mayer, Isaac Wharton, Benjamin Gibbs, James Gregson, Thomas Bramhall, Samuel Jeffreys, Michael Connor, Robert Loosley, Henry Jounken, Henry Welfling, Robert Dove, William Williams, Lawrence Fegan, John Brown, William Taylor, David Gregory, John Tolley, David Thompson, Charles Moran, John Buckingham, Joseph Bolton, John Butcher, Peter Saur, Stephen Styer, Joel Bryan, George Burns, Joseph Doan, Isaac Mitchener, John Rodgers, Hugh Lindon, Rob't Coley, William Fell, John Hill, Dennis Easton, Henry Dennis, John Dennis, John Howell, Mordecai Balderstone, Uriah Lindy, William Brown, Jeremiah Hendrickson, James McMullen, Thomas Featherby, William Skelton, Levi Kennett, John Cable, Ephraim Williams, Joseph Canby, Thomas Canby, Samuel Burrowes, John Harvey, George Boatman, Peter Price, Thomas Martin, John Stackhouse, Benjamin Brown, Joseph Doble, James Gilmore, Henry Hill, Alexander Rickey, Andrew De Normandie, Benjamin Brown, William De Normandie, John Gosling, Arthur Campbell, John Stackhouse, John Poor, John Ellwood, William Davis, Joseph Swift, Samuel Chapman, Amos Chapman, Abraham Chapman, David Chapman, Abram Clark, John Briggs, George Davis, John Taylor, John Moulder, John Talbot, Thomas Barton, Jesse Bean, Jacob Tregoe, Caleb Haines, Joshua Thompson, Jacob Buffington, William Stroud, Joseph Malin, Elisha Malin, Edward Grissel, John Wilson, William Millson, Isaac Bullock, Benjamin James, John Burnet, Samuel Hart, Abiah Parke, Jacob Cypher, Samuel Bell, William Maddock, William Dunn, Joseph Edwards, George Dunn, James Malin, Gideon Vernon, Christopher Wilson, John Taylor, Benjamin Miller, Joshua Proctor, Aaron Ashbridge, Joseph Gill, Elias Vernon, Daniel Register, John Suplee, William Caldwell, James Hartnet, John Musgrove, William Andrews, William Smith, William Anderson, Henry Effinger, Hugh O'Cain, William Kennedy, Darby O'Cain, James McClaria, Isaiah Worrell, Isaac Burk, Abraham Falkenson,

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Thomas Burns, William Clark, George Good, William Henry, George Dunn, David Maris, Will'm Bell, Robert Kissack, James Brown, James Gorman, Enoch Gorman, Michael Crickly, John Spering, John Stackhouse, Moses Morgan, Moses Wood, Abraham Long, Robert Stackhouse, Peter Snyder, John Rymel, John Ink, David Young, John Vaughan, Lawrence Marr, Peter Hardy, James Lawson, Edward McMichael, James Allen, William Willis, Robert Willis, John Wilson, Andrew Fursuer, Lawrence Kilby, William Curlan, John McCart, Francis Irwin, George Croghan, Alexander McKee, Simon Girty, James Girty, Matthew Elliott & Malin Dunn; not rendering himself as aforesaid, & abiding the trial aforesaid, shall, from and after the said first day of August, stand & be attainted of High Treason, to all intents & purposes, & shall suffer such pains & penalties, & undergo all such forfeitures as persons attainted of High Treason ought to do. And all the faithful subjects of this State are to take notice of this Proclamation, & govern themselves accordingly.

"*Given* by order of the Council, under the hand of the Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President, & the Seal of the State at Lancaster, this fifteenth day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-eight.

"Attested by order of the Council.

"(Signed)—T. MATLACK, Sec'y.

"GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH."

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Tuesday June 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, John Hambright, &
Matt'w Smith, Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

The Council Met.

LANCASTER, Wednesday June 17, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, John Hambright, &
Matt'w Smith, Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

A Representation from Henry Wynkoop, Esq'r, setting forth that divers traiterous & Violent persons make frequent excursions

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into the County of Bucks, & commit most notorious Robberies, &ca, to the great distress of the inhabitants; & the same being considered,

Ordered That a reward of Two hundred Dollars be Offered to any person or persons who shall detect & arrest any person owing allegiance to this State, or to any of the United States, who hath been or shall be guilty of any Burglary or of any Robbery, by putting in fear, in any of the Counties of Philadelphia, Bucks or Chester; And that a Proclamation under the Seal of the State, Signed by the Hon'ble Vice President, and attested by the Secretary, be issued accordingly.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Thursday June 18, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, John Hambright, &
Matt'w Smith, Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Ebenezer Cowell, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, for the use of the Gun Factory under his direction, for which Sum he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esq'r, for the Sum of One thousand & Two hundred Pounds, to be charged to John Arndt, Esq'r, to be applied in paying for Provisions purchased for Congress.

Colo. Broadhead attended the Council & represented that the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment is now on a March to the Westward, & requested, that in consideration of the Great difficulty in sending Cloathing after them, the Officers may be furnished with their Regimentals; thereupon,

Ordered, That Jacob S. Howell do supply the Officers of the Eighth Pennsylvania Battalion with their Regimentals, as far as it is in his power to do.

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The Council met.

LANCASTER, Friday June 19, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, John Hambright, &
Matt'w Smith, Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

Intelligence from His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, of the evacuation of the City of Philadelphia by the Enemy, was received at Eleven O'Clock.

Ordered, That a Writ be issued for the holding of an Election for chusing a Councellor for the County of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

LANCASTER, Saturday June 20, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, John Hambright, &
Matt'w Smith, Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

Capt. Hugh Montgomery applied to Council for Ten Waggons for the accommodations of the Officers & Men belonging to the State Fleet, now going to Philadelphia; And,

An order was drawn and signed by the Hon'ble Vice President, directed the Waggon Master of the County of Lancaster, requesting him to furnish Capt. Montgomery with Ten Waggons.

Doct. Frederick Phyle exhibited an account of service done by him for the State as a Physician, amounting to the Sum of Thirty-one Pounds, for which Sum

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Doct. Phyle.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Doct. Frederick Phyle, for the Sum of Ten Pounds Fourteen Shillings & Six Pence, for Provisions purchased by him for the use of the Men belonging to the State Fleet.

A Representation from the inhabitants of Cumberland County, for a supply of Arms & Ammunition, being made,

Ordered, That an application be made to the Board of War for 5 lbs. of Gun powder, 12 lbs. of Lead & 100 Riffles, to be put into the hands of John Carothers, Esq'r, to be distributed by him as occasion may require.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Ludwig Lauman, or his order, for the Sum of Three Pounds seven shillings & six pence, for writing Paper supplied the Council.

Capt. Lang, one of the Collectors of Cloathing in the County of Lancaster, represents that there are many difficulties in getting the Cloathing made up in this Borough, & that the demands of the Tradesmen employed in making them, are enormous in their demands, & proposes to remove to Philadelphia, if the Council think it proper; thereupon,

Ordered, That Capt. Lang be directed to remove to Philadelphia such part of the Cloathing to be made up under his direction, as he shall find necessary.

An order was drawn (dated yesterday) on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Thomas Scott, Esq'r, for the Sum of Seventy-six Pounds Nine Shillings & Nine Pence, for his attendance in Council 29 days, Mileage on 274 Miles, & including also his expences to York Town on Public business, Amounting to £2 18 1.

(N. B. This order includes his Wages of this day.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Hugh Montgomery, or his order, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to be paid to the Officers & Men belonging to the State Fleet, & charged to William C. Bradford, Paymaster of the State Fleet.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Thomas Scott, Esq'r, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, to be by him delivered to Colo. John Proctor, Paymaster of Militia of the County of Westmoreland, & Charged by the Treasurer to Thomas Dorsey, Pay-Master of Militia.

The Council now intending to remove to the City of Philadelphia, & the publishing of a Newspaper at the Public expence, of course not absolutely necessary,

Ordered, That Mr. Dunlap be informed that the Council decline taking any more of his papers on the Public account; & that Mr. Bailey be informed that the Council decline taking any more of his Papers after next Week.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble William Mackey, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two hundred Dollars, to be charged to his Account.

The Officers of the State Fleet represented that they had been at a very considerable expence in removing themselves & families from Trenton to this Borough, & that they had not been supplied with their Rations on the Road, by which their expences had been extravagantly high, & such as they were not able to bear;

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the Officers of the State Fleet who were ordered up to Lancaster, be allowed for their extra expences on the road, two Dollars a day each, besides their back Rations.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday June 26, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Matt'w Smith, Joseph Hart, &
Jona. Hoge, Jacob Arndt. } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

First meeting in the City after the evacuation by the Enemy.

Brig. Gen'l Lacy attended the Council & represented the state of the Militia now in the field as being very low, and the number very inconsiderable, and that there remains about 150 Stand of Arms in his possession.

Ordered, That the arms now in the hands of Gen'l Lacy be removed to the city, & report thereof made to this Council; except only that 50 stand remain in the County of Bucks, under the care & direction of Gen'l Lacy.

Memorial of Mrs. Eliza Ferguson, of Groeme Park, was presented & read.

Petition of divers inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, was read; Prayer in effect granted a few days ago.

Council took into consideration the state of the Magistracy in this City.

The Council took into consideration the propriety of commemorating the Anniversary of Independency, now approaching.

Ordered, That Provision be made for a decent entertainment on the 4th of July next, at some suitable place.

Ordered, That Colo. Smith & the Secretary wait on Gen'l Arnold, & enquire what is his intention in ordering the Shops in this City to be shut, & report to the Council to-morrow morning.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday June 27, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Matt'w Smith, Joseph Hart, &
Jona. Hoge, Jacob Arndt. } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

Mr. Smith & the Secretary report, That they had waited on Gen'l Arnold, agreeable to the order of yesterday, & that the General had sent to the Council the following Paper, which contain a general view of his conduct, Viz't:

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"Instructions from His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, dated 18th June, 1778."

"A Proclamation issued in the City by Maj. Gen'l Arnold, on the 19th June instant, containing a resolve of Congress of the 4th instant."

"A letter from the board of war to Gen'l Arnold, &ca, 23d June instant;" and

"A Permission to the Retailers to open their Shops, dated 26th instant;" & Published this day in hand Bills.

(The Secretary informed the Council that he had in charge Maj. Gen'l Arnold's Compliments to the Council, with an invitation to the Council to dine with the General on Monday next.)

That they had mentioned to the General the difficulties made by the Clothier General of the United States, in supplying the Troops of this State in the Continental Army with Clothing, &ca, & desired to be informed what was his intention with respect to the disposal of the procured in the City, & mentioned to the General the Memorial lately presented by the Officers of the Troops of this State on the subject of Cloathing; to which he replied, that he would give orders to the Cloathier General to wait on the Council & explain his conduct on this subject. The General also remarked, that he had not been informed of any Committee having been appointed by Congress in pursuance of their Resolve of the 4th instant.

N. B. That the Resolve of Congress of the 4th instant has not been received by Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Dehaven or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for the use of the Gun Factory.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That a Warrant (under the less Seal) be issued for apprehending & bringing before this Council the bodies of all those persons named in the law for the attainder of divers Traitors, &ca., to be dealt with according to Law.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That a Warrant under the less Seal be issued for apprehending & bringing before this Council all those persons within the City & County of Philadelphia, (named in the first Proclamation,) to be dealt with accordingly to Law.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday June 29, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

———Mackay, John Hambright, &
Matt'w Smith, Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

A Certificate of the Election, being held according to Law in Fannet Township, in the County of Cumberland, for chusing two persons to be returned for Magistrates, & that David Elder & Noah Abraham were duly elected & returned, but the return had twice miscarried; On consideration,

Ordered, That David Elder & Noah Abraham be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, & that they be commissioned accordingly.

The Council taking into Consideration the great necessity of repairing the Butchers' Market House, the Stalls, &ca., having been destroyed by the British Army,

Ordered, That proper persons be appointed to agree with such of the Butchers & others who may have Occasion for Stalls in the Butchers' Market House, to have the same repaired, upon such general plan as the persons so to be appointed may order; such Butchers & others paying the expence & deducting the same out of the growing Rent.

Petition & Remonstrance from the 7th Pennsylvania Battalion of the County of Chester, were read, and the Hon'ble John Bayard, Esq'r, Speaker of the House of Assembly, attended the Council & informed that divers persons of Consideration were desirous that the House should be called earlier than the day to which they stand adjourned; on consideration,

Ordered, That Writs be now issued for calling the General Assembly to meet in this City on Tuesday the fourth day of August next ensuing.

Petition of divers inhabitants of Fannet Township, praying for Arms, was read.

On consideration,

Ordered, That William Henry, Esq'r, be directed to deliver to John Carothers, Esq'r, Lieut. of the County of Cumberland, two hundred Muskets, to be by him put into the hands of such persons as he shall Judge proper.

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the Resolve of Congress for suspending or repealing the Regulating Law, be printed & put up in the City, with a Nota Bene, That "The General Assembly of Pennsylvania have suspended the Operation of the Act for regu-

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lating the prices of Goods in this State until their next meeting."

Received of Robert Levers, Esq'r, the sum of Fifty-eight Pounds and seventeen shillings, for one Marriage Licence & Thirty-two Tavern Licences.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday June 30, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt,
—— Mackay, James Edgar, &
Jonathan Hoge, John Hambright,
Matt'w Smith, } Esq'rs.

The Sheriff of the county of Northampton being deceased, & the necessity of appointing another in his stead being considered;

On motion,

Ordered, That John Segfried, Esq'r, be appointed Sheriff of the County of Northampton, & that he be commissioned accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Ebenezer Cowell or his order, for the sum of six hundred Pounds, for the Gun Factory, for which sum he is to account.

Ordered, That the several Persons in this City heretofore held upon Parole, be now discharged from their Parole, excepting only The Rev'd Thomas Coombe, jun'r, & Phineas Bond, Esq'r. (Copy of this order sent to Edward Shippen, jun'r, Esq'r, John Lawrence, Esq'r, James Humphreys, Esq'r, William Smith, D. D., Captain Henry Gurney, Thomas Asheton, & Samuel Murdock, written on their several Paroles.)

Ordered, That the Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, & Peter Buckholder, Esq'r, be received as security for John Segfried, Esq'r, Sheriff of the county of Northampton, for his faithful performance of his said office.

The Hon'ble James Read, Esq'r, Councellor for the County of Berks, appeared & took the Oaths required by the Constitution, and took his seat in Council.

By a return of Goods found in the City on the evacuation of the Enemy, made by order of Gen'l Arnold, it appears that there is in the hands of Mr. Heyman Levy the property of the Enemy.

Ordered, That the Commissioners be directed to enquire concerning the Goods in the hands of Mr. Heyman Levy belonging to the Enemy.

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The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday July 1, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Edger,	Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,	James Read,	
Matt'w Smith,	Jacob Arndt, &	
Jonat'n Hoge,	John Hambright.	

In pursuance of an Act of General Assembly, giving to this Council certain powers relating to the City, &ca., Joseph Redman, Esq'r, Clerk of the Market, being called before the Council, was now directed to have the Market House thoroughly cleansed & repaired, & let for such reasonable time as shall be found practicable, to persons who will advance the Money, the Pay the expence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday July 2, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Edgar,	Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,	James Read, &	
Matt'w Smith,	John Hambright.	
Jonathan Hoge,		

Capt. James Carnahan, of the 18th Pennsylvania Regiment, represented that he had enlisted two Recruits & advanced them some Money; that he was under Marching Orders for Pittsburgh, agreeable to the request of Gen'l McIntosh, & therefore requested that he might be repaid his Money the Bounty allowed for enlisting the said two Men; On Consideration,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Capt. James Carnahan, of the 18th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Eighty-eight Dollars, to be charged to Colo. Walker Stewart.

Petition of Dan'l Levan, Jun'r, praying to be appointed Prothonotary of the County of Berks, was read.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday July 6, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

James Read, John Hambright, &
——— Mackey, Jona. Hoge. } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

The Council took into Consideration the great necessity of opening the Courts of Justice in this County.

Ordered, That a Commission be immediately issued, appointing Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq'r, to be Prothonotary of the County of Philadelphia, and also a Commission appointing him to be one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County.

Capt. Montgomery attended the Council & informed that he had brought down from Trenton one of the Galleys, & asked to be informed whether she should be immediately repaired.

On consideration,

Ordered, Capt. Montgomery do apply to one of Mr. Ayres's, & have the necessary repairs done to the Armed Galley under his command.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. John Bankson, of the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment, for the Sum of Four hundred & fifty Dollars, for the recruiting Service, for which sum he is to account.

The Rev'd Mr. Thomas Coombe, Jun'r, attended in Council, & informed that he declines to take the Oath of Allegiance to the State, and he now requests that he may be permitted to pass out of this State on his way to New York, there to take passage for Europe; thereupon,

Ordered, That a Pass under the less Seal be granted to the Rev'd Thomas Coombe, jun'r, to leave this State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday June 7, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

James Read, John Hambright, &
——— Mackay, Jon'a Hoge. } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

Petition of Jacob Packman was read;

Ordered, To lie on the Table.

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Petitions of divers inhabitants of this City was presented by Thomas Hale & Nicholas Weaver, and read.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Sentiments of Council on this Petition be expressed in Writing & handed to Mr. Hale & Mr. Weaver.

Colo. Nicola, the Town Major, applied to Council & requested that he might be furnished with Rations.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Crispin be directed to furnish Colo. Nicola with Rations.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday July 8, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Read, &
John Hambright, James Edgar. } Esq'rs.
Jon'a Hoge,

A Letter from Robert Levers, Esq'r, of the 6th instant, inclosing a deposition respecting the depredations committed at & near Wyoming, by the Indians & Tories.

Ordered, That a Copy of the deposition of Mr. Alexander Patterson be made out & sent to Congress.

A Letter from Samuel Hunter, Esq'r, of the 4th instant, also relating to the ravages of the Indians.

The Council took into consideration the return of an Election of Justices for Augusta Township, in the County of Northumberland, including the Town of Sunbury.

Ordered, That Thomond Ball, & David McKinney, & Wilton Atkinson, be appointed & Commissioned to be Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland.

Capt. Williams Alexander, of the 7th Pennsylvania Regiment, laid before the Council a sketch of his account in the Recruiting Service; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. William Alexander, of the 7th Pennsylvania Regimn't, for the Sum of Five hundred & twenty Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Pollord & Company, for the sum of Two thousand eight hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds & Ten Shillings, balance of an account for Spirits seized for the use of the State Fleet. The said sum to be charged to William Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday July 9, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Read, & John Hambright, James Edgar, Jona. Hoge, } Esq'rs.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to the Commissioners appointed under the Ordonance of the Council of Safety, to seize the personal Estate of Persons who have gone over to the Enemy, directing them to make complete returns to the Secretary's Office of all the effects seized by them, & an account of sales where they have been sold, & that this be done without delay.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer for the Recruiting Service, Viz: In favor of Lieut. Miller, of the 7th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of One hundred Dollars, to be charged to him; and in favor of Lieut. Abraham Lewis, of the 4th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the sum of One hundred Dollars, to be charged to him.

Robert Mackey, a Mariner, represented to Council, that he had brought off from the Vigilant an armed Boat, which now in the Possession of the State Navy Board.

Ordered, That Major Benjamin Eyre, taking one other Judicious person to his assistance, do Value the said Boat & make return to this Council.

Mr. Blewer, Mr. Eyre & Commodore Hazlewood attended the Council, & informed that the Armed Boats belonging to the State are now afloat & getting ready for service.

Ordered, That the Convention Brig be fitted out as soon as possible, & go down into the Bay, and as many of the Armed Boats as can be manned, be also repaired with all expedition & put into service.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday July 10, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Read, &
John Hambright, James Edgar, } Esq'rs.
Jona. Hoge,

Ordered, That application be made to the board of War for a supply of Ammunition for the Militia of Northampton County, & that Mr. Nambright & Mr. Hoge wait on the board of War on this important occasion, & press them for an immediate supply.

Petition of Colo. Thomas Hartley was read; &

Ordered, That the Petition of Colo. Hartley do lie on the Table.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. John Boyd, of the 12th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the sum of three hundred & Sixty Dollars, for the Recruiting service, to be charged to him.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday July 11, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, Jonathan Hoge, &
John Hambright, James Read, } Esq'rs.

Capt. Hugh Montgomery recommended Catharine Murphy, Mary Roan & Lydia Leonard, Wives of Privates on board the Gallies, as being in great distress for want of Provisions; thereupon,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Navy Board to give the said three Women such temporary relief as their immediate necessity may require, until some regulations can be adopted respecting them.

Ordered, That a representation of the situation of our distressed frontiers be now made to Congress, & their attention to the relief of them solicited & earnestly pressed for.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday July 13, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jonathan Hoge, & James Read, } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,

A Letter from Col. Morgan, Lieut. of the County of Berks, inclosing a Letter from Col. D. Hunter, to several Colonels of the Berks County Militia, requesting immediate assistance.

Ordered, That a Copy of the said Letter from Col. Hunter be laid before Congress.

An indecent & affronting application having been made by Charles Thompson, Secretary of Congress, to the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President, demanding possession of a House which he says Colo. Proctor unjustly detains from him, & insisting

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday July 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice Presid't.

——— Mackay, Jacob Arndt, and John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
Jos. Hart,
Jona. Hoge,

The following draught of a Circular letter was read in Council and agreed to, Viz.t:

"In Council, Philad'a, July 14th, 1778.

"Sir,

"The attack which has been made by the Indians and others, on the Frontiers of this State, having been laid before the Congress, and a consultation held between the Board of War and Council, they have agreed upon the following arrangements for defence, to wit:

"A detachment of Col. Hartley's Regiment to march from New Jersey to Easton, there to join Col. Kowats, who has under his command a small number of horse. The remainder of Col. Hartley's Reg't, now in Philad'a, to march immediately to Sunbury and join the Two Companies lately raised at Wioming. Col. Broadhead's Regiment, now on their march to Pittsburgh, to be ordered to the Standing Stone. But it is necessary to add to these Conti-

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nental troops a considerable body of Militia. Council have therefore determined to order to Sunbury three hundred Militia from the County of Northumberland, four hundred from the County of Lancaster & one hundred and fifty from the County of Berks; to the Standing Stone, three hundred from the County of Cumberland, and two hundred from the County of York; to Easton, from the County of Northampton three hundred men, & from the County of Berks one hundred and fifty men.

"You are, therefore, to exert yourself to get into the field three hundred men of the militia of your county, and march them immediately to ————. For this purpose you are to order out the first, second, third, & even fourth class, if it be necessary to make up this number—the men must be had. It is expected that there are guns sufficient in you hands to arm them. Ammunition and provisions will be supplied to you by order of the Board of War.

"The arrival of a powerful fleet from France, having a considerable number of troops on board, with orders to act in conjunction with the Continental army, & now actually blocking up the British fleet in the harbor of New York, has induced the Congress to determine to make a vigorous effort to destroy the whole British fleet now in that City, & there appears to be a reasonable ground to hope for success in the attempt. This determination makes it highly improper to detach any part of the main army for the defence of the frontiers. If the attempt to reduce the whole British force should be crowned with success, it will undoubtedly be attended with the most salutary effects in removing the Enemy from the frontiers, as it cannot be doubted but that they must see the impossibility of their continuing, with any hope of success, their attack on us, when we shall be able to employ our whole force against them, and we are confident that the blow given by the Indians will be severely revenged before the War with them is closed."

Council being now informed that Congress had issued an order on their Treasurer in favor of this State, for the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, on account of the cloathing purchased by this State,

Ordered, That the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, lately ordered by Congress to be paid to this Council, or their Council be paid to David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday July 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Read,
Jonathan Hoge, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.
—— Mackay, John Hambright,

The Council taking into consideration the necessity of some General Officer being appointed to take the Command of the Militia now ordered into service on the Susquehanna; thereupon,

Ordered, That Brig'r Gen'l Lacy be appointed to the Command of the Militia called into service on the River Susquehanna.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday July 17, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, &
—— Mackay, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
Jona. Hoge,

Col. Sharp Delany reported to Council, that a quantity of Drugs had been put into his hands by the Council of Safety, for which he is to account; That a part of these had been sold, & the Money arising therefrom is now in his hands; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Money in the hands of Sharp Delany, arising from the sale of Drugs put into his hands by the Council of Safety, be paid by him to David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, the State Treasurer.

Colo. Hartley having applied to Council for a further sum of Money, for the Recruiting service, & on his leaving the City, requested in Writing, that the order for the same be delivered to Capt. Stoddard; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Benjamin Stoddard, for the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to Colo. Thomas Hartley.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, for the Sum of five hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, being now in the City, & the order of Congress mentioned in the Minutes of the 14th instant being come to hand, in the following words, to Wit:

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"Treasury Office, June 23, 1778.

"The board of Treasury having considered a Letter of the 5th inst., from George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President of the State of Pennsylvania, to the Delegates of that State, referred to them by Congress,

"*Resolved*, That One hundred Thousand Dollars of the Warrant for Three hundred Thousand Dollars, issued the 12th day of February last, in favor of the Delegates of Pennsylvania, to be by them transmitted to the President of the said State, for the purchase of Flour, &ca, be applied for the purpose of Paying for the Cloathing mentioned in the Vice President's Letter aforesaid.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"EDWARD FOX, Cl'k."

Ordered, That the said order be made payable to Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. William Brown, of the 9th Pennsylvania Battalion, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, to be charged to his Account; And

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Matt'w Scott, of the 13th Penns'a Reg't, for the Sum of Five hundred & Fifty Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday July 18, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,
Jona. Hoge,

Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq'r, applied to the Council and requested, That orders may be issued for a sufficient number of Waggons to bring the Records, Papers, &ca., belonging to the Prothonotary's Office for the county of Philadelphia, from Reading to this City.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Allison be directed to secure the plank, scantling, &ca., left by the Enemy on the lines & in the Redoubts, & remove them to places of Safety; And that he provide suitable materials for repairing the Court Room in the State House, & draw a plan of the necessary repairs.

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Ordered, That the Trees which form the Abattees on the lines near the City, be cut up & removed, under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor, to the House of employment, for the use of the Poor; And that an account of the quantity be taken & returned to this Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday July 20, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jonathan Hoge, & } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay, Jacob Arndt, }

A letter from James Smith, Esq'r, of Yorktown, enclosing a deposition relating to the Indians.

Ordered to be laid before Congress.

A Note from Thomas Lewis, Esq'r, informing that John Taylor, a man of good Character, had been called on by Proclamation to appear & take his trial, instead of John Slater; & also, that Lewis Tremble, a farmer in the Township of Ridley, went to the Enemy while they were at Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday July 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jonathan Hoge, & } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay, Jacob Arndt, }

The Council Room in the State House being now cleansed, & in order for the reception of Council, except only that there are no Chairs therein,

Ordered, That the Secretary procure eighteen Windsor Chairs for the Council Room.

The Hon'ble Joseph Reed, Esq'r, returned by the Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia as having been duly elected Councellor for the said County, attended the Council & represented, That he is now one of a Committee of Congress for arranging the Army, which Committee has sat for several Months past, & have gone far into business, which appears to be of great importance, and that as

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a considerable part of it has necessarily fallen on him, it will be improper for him at present to retire from the Committee, & therefore, begs the Council may not consider him as inattentive to his duty to the Public, if he shall not attend the Council until the said arrangement is completed; At the same time declaring his readiness to accept such Post as his County may think proper to call him to, for the service of the Public, as soon as it is in his power so to do.

It appearing that John Williams, of the Northern Liberty Township, & Jacob Bright, of the City of Philadelphia, Merchant, two of the Commissioners for Taxes & Levies for the County of Philadelphia, who should have continued in office, for want of a new choice in October last, have been made Prisoners by the British Army, lately possessed of the said City; that the said John Williams was carried away by the said Army; that the said Jacob Bright is now at his place of abode, but is considered as a Prisoner under Parole; & that both of these Commissioners are disqualified from acting: Council considering that Isaac Snowden, the third Commissioner, cannot alone, in the present case, if in any, with the Assessors, (who also continue for want of an Election as aforesaid,) nominate & fill up the vacancy caused as aforesaid, do thereupon, by virtue of the power vested in them by the Twentieth section of the Constitution, supply the vacancy caused by the disqualification of John Williams & Jacob Bright, as aforesaid, by appointing Edward Bartholomew & William Antis of said County to the office of Commissioners of the County of Philadelphia, until the said office can be filled in the time and manner directed by Law & the Constitution.

N. B. Edw'd Bartholomew & William Antis were highest in vote as Commissioners at the Election for chusing a Councellor for the County of Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the Bridge laid by the Navy board over the River Schuylkill at the middle ferry, be immediately repaired & removed to its place again, & that the bridge now there be removed to Gray's ferry.

Ordered, That Major Casdrop be appointed to superintend & direct the removal of the said bridge.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday July 22d, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jona. Hoge, Jacob Arndt, & Esq'rs.
James Read, ——— Mackay,

The Petition of the Hon'ble George Taylor, Esq'r, setting forth his claim to the lands & works known by the name of Durham furnace, & that the same had been seized by Mr. George Wall, one of the Agents appointed for seizing forfeited Estates, & put under the care of a certain James Morgan, was read. A notification signed by the said George Wall, & directed to Mr. Moses Yeaman, a Tenant under the said George Taylor, forbiding him to take & carry away any more Stamped metal from the said Furnace, & the written agreement signed by the said Joseph Galloway, under which he claims the possession of the said Furnace, were also read; And the same being considered,

Ordered, That Mr. George Wall be directed to pay due respect to the written agreement between Joseph Galloway, Esq'r, & the Hon'ble George Taylor, Esq'r, for the lands & works known by the name of Durham furnace, & that he do not disturb Mr. Taylor in the peaceable possession & enjoyment thereof, agreeable to the terms of the said agreement. And as the said George Taylor has represented that he has a quantity of Wood cut, & ore raised, at a considerable expence, it appears to the Council to be just & equitable that he should have a Lease of the Premises for so long as the Council or their Agents are authorized by Law to let the same in preference to any other, on such reasonable terms as may appear to be just. The Council, therefore, recommend it to Mr. Wall to treat with the said George Taylor, relating to the Premises, & agree with him on equitable & reasonable terms; Such lease not to extend beyond the 1st day of April, 1780.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday July 23, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Joseph Read, & Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt, Jonathan Hoge,

On representation by Col. Thomson & Col. Antes, two of the Agents for seizing forfeited Estates, that the said duty is too great

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& extensive to be executed by them alone, Colo. Heister having declined to serve;

On consideration,

Ordered, That Col. John Moore, Capt. Joseph Blewer & Mr. George Smith, be appointed Agents for the seizing and disposing of the forfeited Estates, according to Law, in addition to the Agents already appointed for the County of Philadelphia.

The Council taking into consideration the necessity of appointing Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That Luke Morris, Esq'r, Samuel Mifflin, Esq'r, Sam'l Howell, Esq'r, Capt. Joseph Stiles, Capt. Will'm Heysham, Commodore And'w Caldwell, Esq'r, & Capt. Nathaniel Falconer, be appointed Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia.

Council considering an application from Colo. Nicola, Town Major, to have the value of his retained Rations determined,

Ordered, that the retained Rations of Col. Nicola, as Town Major, be estimated at Two Shillings & Six Pence ℔ Ration, according to the regulation of Rations ordered by Congress.

The Board of War having given an order on their Commissary General of Military Stores for a supply of Lead, Powder, & flints, to the order of Council.

Ordered, That the Ammunition for the Militia sent to Standing Stone, at the Rate of Thirty rounds Per Man, & half a Ton of Powder & a proportion of Lead, & a reasonable quantity of Flints, be delivered to Colo. John Carothers, Lieut. of the county of Cumberland; That the Ammunition for the Militia sent to Sunbury, & one-third of the Ton of Gunpowder & a proportion of Lead, with a proper number of flints, be delivered to Colo. Bartram Galbraith, Lieu. of the County of Lancaster; That the other Two-thirds of the said Ton of Gunpowder & proportion of Lead, be delivered to the Lieutenants of the Counties of Berks & Northampton, an equal quantity to each; That the Ammunition for the Militia order to Easton, be delivered to Colo. John Weitzel, Lieutenant of the County of Northampton.

Petition of John Whitehead, Esq'r, praying to be appointed Prothonotary of the County of Berks, was read.

Ordered, to lie on the Table.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday July 24, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Joseph Read, & Jonathan Hoge, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

Ordered, That two or three of the Barges or Guard Boats, properly equipped & manned, be immediately sent into Delaware bay to watch the Cruisers of the Enemy, procure & transmit intelligence, & seize upon any of their Merchant Vessels which may be found there; And that as many of the Gallys be furnished with Cannon, & fitted out as can be manned, sent down the River, & employed in watching & guarding the same against the Enemy, or any disorderly persons disturbing the Navigation; That the Galley rigged as a Brig be repaired & fitted out with all expedition, under the Command of a proper Officer, & employed in defending & protecting the Navigation of Delaware Bay.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday July 25, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Joseph Read, & Jonathan Hoge, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Rob't Alison, House Carpenter, for the Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds, for which sum he is to account.

The Secretary informed the Council that Thomas Clark, Carpenter, now in this City, is reported to have joined the Enemy in New Jersey, & to have landed with them at the head of Elk, marched with them to this City, & that he went over the Delaware with them on their Retreat. That these facts are spoken of by the inhabitants of this City as certain & acknowledged.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the aforesaid Thomas Clark be arrested by the Sheriff, &ca. of the County, & bring him before this Council to answer the said charge, & to be dealt with according to Law.

Upon reading & considering two acts of Congress, one of the fourth of June last, in the following words, to-wit:

"*Resolved*, That should the City of Philadelphia be evacuated by the Enemy, it will be expedient & proper for the Commander-in

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Chief to take effectual care that no insult, plunder or injury of any kind, may be offered to the inhabitants of the said City; That in order to prevent public or private injury from the operations of ill disposed persons, the General be directed to take early & proper care to prevent the removal, transfer, or Sale of any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, in possession of the inhabitants of the said City, until the property of the same shall be ascertained by a joint Committee, consisting of persons appointed by Congress & of persons appointed by the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania, to-Wit: so far as to determine whether any or what part thereof may belong to the King of Great Britain, or to any of his Subjects."

And another Act of Congress, dated the 23d instant, in the following words, to-Wit:

"*Resolved*, That Mr. Duer, Mr. Harvie, Mr. Holton & Mr. Drayton, in conjunction with the Committee appointed or to be appointed by the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania, be authorized to ascertain the property of the Goods, Wares & Merchandize in possession of the inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia at the time it was evacuated by the Enemy, Viz: so far as to determine whether any or what part may belong to the King of Great Britain or to any of his Subjects, agreeable to the resolution of the 4th June last. Extract from the Minutes.

("Signed,) CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary."

Council agree that the Hon'ble Vice President, Mr. Hart, Mr. Read & Mr. Hoge, be a Committee of this Council to meet with Mr. Duer, Mr. Harvie, Mr. Holton & Mr. Drayton, for the purposes set forth in said Act of Congress. At the same time, they cannot but remark, that the Clothier General & other Officers of Congress, about four Weeks since, & soon after the evacuation of said City, which happened on the Eighteenth day of June last, did purchase from divers inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia, possessors of Merchandize mentioned in the said Acts of Congress, large quantities thereof, at a price deemed to be equivalent to the cost of the same; that Gen'l Arnold, commanding the Continental Troops in said City, did soon after said purchase, publish a permission to the persons possessed of said goods, on certain terms to transfer & sell the said Merchandizes; that since that publication, very considerable quantities of the Merchandizes aforesaid, have sold & delivered to a very considerable number of buyers & consumers, greatly in need of the same; that it appears to Council to be now very late & very difficult to go into a particular discussion of the property of the goods in question; yet as there may be quantities of Stores & Merchandize concealed in said City, which were the property of the King of Great Britain, & which would fall to the United States of North America, & also goods which were the private property of his Subjects devolving to this State, & as Congress may

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be possessed of information concerning the same, the Committee of Council are instructed to pursue, in conjunction with the said Committee of Congress, all prudent & legal measures to attain the ends proposed by Congress in their said Acts above recited.

The Council taking into Consideration the report of the proceedings of a Court Martial held at Trenton, May 19th, 1778, wherein John Gilfroy, boatswain of the late Ship Montgomery, being found guilty of Mutiny & deserting to the Enemy, was adjudged to be worthy of Death,

Ordered, That John Gilfroy, late boatswain of the Ship Montgomery, now under sentence of Death for Mutiny & deserting to the Enemy, be pardoned, this being the first conviction of an offence of this kind in the State Fleet.

Ordered, That Commodore Hazelwood be authorized to issue a Proclamation offering full Pardon to all deserters from the State Fleet who shall return to their duty, & deliver themselves up to him or some one of the Officers of the said Fleet, on before the first day of September next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday July 27, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, ——— Mackay, Jo'n Hoge, James Edgar, & Jac'b Arndt, } Esq'rs.

Petition of divers inhabitants of Northumberland County was read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be laid before the Board of War.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob S. Howell, Receiver General of Cloating, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account; &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor Colo. Dav'd Kennedy, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, to pay for Cloathing purchased by him for the United States.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. James McCullough, of the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment, for the Sum of Six hundred & fifty Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Carr, one of the Commissioners for purchasing of Cloathing for Congress in the County of Bucks, for the Sum of Seven hundred & Fifty Pounds, to be charged to his account.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday July 29, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, James Read, &
——— Mackay, Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

Request of Colo. Cox, A. Q. M. G., to lend to Mr. Alison 6 spades, 3 Shovels, & 3 Pick Axes, to be accounted for.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday July 30, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, James Read, &
——— Mackay, Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

The Council taking into Consideration the necessity of appointing a Justice of the Peace in the neighbourhood of Vincent Township, in the county of Chester,

Ordered, That William Evans be appointed one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Chester, & Commissioned accordingly.

Thomas Clark, arrested by Warrant issued by this Council, was brought before the Council;

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the said Thomas Clark be Committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of the County for further examination.

The Council taking into Consideration the necessity of appointing a Prothonotary of the County of Berks,

Ordered, That Daniel Levan, jun'r, Esq'r, be appointed Prothonotary of the County of Berks, & one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, & that he be Commissioned accordingly.

Lieut. James McCulloch, of the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment, having represented that he has enlisted three Men, & that he is now on his way to Camp & requested to be supplied with Money to pay them the Bounty,

An order was thereupon drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. James McCulloch, of the 5th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum

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of Four hundred & Eight Dollars, for the Recruiting service, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Beaton, Paymaster of Militia for the County of Chester, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, & charge the same to Thomas Dorsey, Paymaster of Militia.

Mr. Andrew Bunner, in behalf of the owners of the Privateer Sloop "Gerrard," represented to Council that the said Sloop was detained from a Cruize against the Enemy for want of four or five hundred weight of Powder, & requested an order for that quantity on Wm. Henry, Esq'r, to be replaced as soon as possible.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Wm. Henry, Esq'r, Lieu. of the City of Philadelphia, do deliver to Mr. Andrew Bunner, or his order, four or five hundred weight of Gunpowder, for the use of the Privateer Sloop "Gerrard," to be re-paid by him as soon as possible.

[This order was returned.]

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday July 31, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, James Read, &
——— Mackay, Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

The Council taking into consideration the Act entitled "An Act to prevent infectious diseases being brought into this Province;"

On consideration,

Ordered, That Doct. Benj'a Rush & Doct. James Hutchinson, be appointed the Physicians to assist & advise the health officer when he shall visit Ships coming into any of the Ports of this State.

Ordered, That Doct. James Hutchinson be appointed Surgeon of the State Fleet.

The Navy Board informed the Council that the armed Brig is nearly ready for Service, & recommended Capt. Tho's Houston to be the Captain of the said Brig. The appointment of a Captain to the Armed Brig being put to Vote, a majority of Six against one was appointing Capt. Richard Eyre; & thereupon,

Ordered, That Capt. Richard Eyre be appointed Commander of the Armed Brig Convention, belonging to this State, & Commissioned accordingly.

Council having received information that a Ship called the Albion, which was sunk in the River Delaware & seized by the Navy board of this State, on or about the 27th day of June, That a Libel had been

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filed in the Court of Admiralty by Dav'd Beverage of this City, Merchant, in behalf of himself & others, Claiming the property of said Ship & her Cargo, & had given security in the said Court for the value thereof, & received the same into his possession; The Council considering the importance of the trial, and the great weight of business which now falls on the Attorney General, which renders assistance herein absolutely necessary,

Ordered, That Jacob Rush, Esq'r, be employed to assist the Attorney General in the trial before the Court of Admiralty respecting the Ship Albion, & that the Secretary be directed to pay him the Sum of One hundred Dollars, as a Fee for his Services therein;

And an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Secretary, for the Sum of One hundred Dollars, to be paid by him as the Fee above mentioned.

On application,

Ordered, That the Navy board furnish Mr. James Carson & Jos. M'Culloch with three hundred weight of Gunpowder, & half a ton of round & grape shot, to be re-paid by them as soon as possible.

The Petition of Rob't Lumsden, of this City, praying to be appointed Wharfinger & Weighmaster of Hay at the Draw Bridge in this City, was read, & information being also given that Joshua Humphreys solicited those offices,

On consideration,

Ordered, That Robert Lumsden be appointed Wharfinger & Weighmaster of hay, &ca., at the Drawbridge in this City.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday Augs't 1, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, ——— Mackay, Jas. Edgar, James Read, & Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Rob't Craig, one of the Commissioners for purchasing Cloathing for the use of the Continental Army, or his order, for the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. James Lang, one of the Commissioners for purchasing of Cloathing for the use of the Continental Army, or his order, for the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That William Henry, Esq'r, Lieu. of the City of Philadelphia, do deliver to Henry Bunner or his order, thirty dozen

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Musket Cartridges, to be re-paid by the owners of the Privateer Sloop Gerrard, as soon as possible.

The Council taking into consideration the necessity of laying an Embargo on Provisions, as well to prevent the supplying of the Enemy, as to secure a full supply for the Continental Army,

Ordered, That a Proclamation be issued for laying an Embargo to prevent the exportation of Provisions from this State to any place.

"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, The exportation of Victuals & Provisions from the United States of North America hath occasioned much difficulty in procuring supplies for the American Armies, & by the Capture of divers Vessels employed in such exportation, the forces of the Enemy have relieved from distresses otherwise likely to embarrass their operations for remedy, whereof, the Council do hereby an embargo on the exportation of Wheat, flour, rye, oats, spelts, barley, Indian Corn, beef, pork, or other Victuals, whether alive or dead, from this State to any parts or place beyond sea, & for that purpose do forbid the clearing out and dispatch, & the Sailing of any Ship or other Vessel on which any such Goods & Victuals shall be laden, of which the Naval Officer, & the Commodore of the State Fleet, are required to take notice & govern themselves accordingly: *Provided always*, That the embargo shall be continued for Thirty days from the date of these Presents & no longer, & that the necessary Stores & Victuals during their voiages, as well for Ships of War as Merchant Vessels, shall not be hereby restrained.

"Given by order of the Council, under the hand of the Honorable George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President, & the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, the first day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-eight.

(Signed)—"GEO. BRYAN, Vice President.

"Attest—T'Y MATLACK, Sec'y."

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. Patrick Fullerton, for the Sum of Two thousand Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

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The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday August 3, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jonathan Hoge, & } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay, Jacob Arndt, }

Ordered, That Thomas Humberge do bring down the Gunpowder now in his possession, & deliver it to Capt. Joseph Stiles, of this City, for the use of the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Dehaven, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, for the use of the Gun Factory.

And an order was drawn on Will'm Henry, Esq'r, of Lancaster, for Two hundred Gun Locks, to be taken from the insufficient Dutch Arms belonging to the State in his possession.

The Council considering the dangerous tendency of Precedents of assumed Power in cases which may appear to be justifiable from necessity;

Ordered, That a solemn Protest against the proceedings of Congress on the 8th day of June last, for laying an embargo on Provisions to prevent the exportation thereof, be entered on our Minutes, that the said proceeding may not be hereafter drawn into a Precedent, in favor of any claim of right hereafter to be set up to use & exercise the power & authority to lay embargoes in this State. And the following being Prepared and read, the same was approved & ordered to be inserted as their protest:

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. James McCulloch, of the 5th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of One hundred & Fifty Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That Mr. Lod Sprogell, Muster Master, do immediately muster the Men belonging to the State Fleet, & make return thereof to Council without delay.

Ordered, That the full Rations of Mr. Sprogell, Muster Master, be furnished to him by Mr. Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet. (These Rations are not be drawn farther back than to the 18th of June.)

On consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Gunning Bedford be appointed Measurer of Wheat & other Corn & of Salt, in the City of Philadelphia.

On consideration of the recommendation of the Justices of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia,

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Ordered, That Hillary Baker, jun'r, be appointed & Commissioned to be Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday August 4, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, ——— Mackay, Jona. Hoge, James Edgar, & Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Dav'd Dechler & John Arndt, Esq'rs, Commissioners for purchasing Wheat, &ca, in the County of Northampton, for the Sum of Two thousand and five hundred Pounds, for which they are to account.

Ordered, That Col. George Stewart, of Earl Township, be required to attend this Council on Thursday the fifth day of September next, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, to answer the Charge of misbehaviour in his Office, as Agent for seizing of forfeited Estates, in the Sale of Goods lately belonging to Michael Wittman; And that a Copy of this Minute be forwarded to him, be considered as a summons for his appearance.

Ordered, That Advertisements be put up at or near Ephrata, giving public notice of the foregoing order, requiring the evidences in the aforesaid case to appear in Council on the day appointed for hearing the same, or otherwise to make deposition before some Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of Lancaster, of such evidence as they may be able to give in the Premises, giving notice in writing to the said George Stewart, of the time & place of taking such depositions, at least five days before the taking of the same, such depositions to be carefully forwarded to Council by the Justice or Justices before whom they shall be taken.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Aug't 5, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, ——— Mackay, Jona. Hoge, James Edger, & Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday August 6, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart,	James Edgar, &	Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,	Jac. Arndt,	
Jona. Hoge,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. Stephen Stephenon, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting service, for which he is to account.

Hon'ble Rob't Morris & Hon'ble Dan'l Roberdeau attended in Council, & informed the Council That they were directed by Congress to inform the Council that the Ambassador Plenipotentiary of his Most Christian Majesty was to receive his first Public audience in Congress this day at 12 o'clock, & that the doors of Congress would be open to the Vice President & Council, if they shall think proper to attend.

On consideration,

Agreed, That the Council will attend the Public Audience in Congress of the Ambassador Plenipotentiary from the Court of France.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday August 7, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	——— Mackay,	Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,	Jacob Arndt, &	
James Edgar,	——— Smith,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. Will'm Vanleer, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Two hundred and Seventy-five Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

Colo. Knox & Colo. Clark, a Committee from the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council, & informed that they had in charge from the House to acquaint the Council That a Quorum of the House was now met & ready to enter upon business, & desired to know if the Council had any business to lay before the house; to which the Hon'ble Vice President replied, that the Council were glad to hear that a House was met, & that

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the business on which they had been called should be laid before the House.

An Account, of which the following is a Copy, was laid before the Council, Vizt:

"TRENTON, 20th Jan'y, 1778.

"William Crispin, Esq'r,

"To Rob't Paisley, Dr.

"To 6 hhds. Spirits,	- -	117
		116
		112
		113
"March 1, to 2 ditto,	- -	122
		117
		918 G'ns, @ 105s, £4819 10

"The within Account is just.

"WM. CRISPIN, C. S. F.

"August 4, 1778."

On consideration,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Robert Paisley, or his order, for the Sum of Four thousand five hundred & Ninety Pounds, for the above Six hhds. of Spirits, the said Sum to be charged to the account of William Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet.

Peter Thompson, Jacob Barge, & ——— Musgrove, three of the Warders of the City of Philadelphia, attended in Council, & represented that they were in great distress for want of Money to pay the Debts contracted by them to purchase the necessary Supply of Oil, & to pay the Watchmen; That the situation of the Taxes will not admit of the necessary collection in time for the said purpose, & therefore, pray that a Sum of Money be put into their hands for these emmergencies, to be repaid as soon as may be; That the Sum of Fifteen hundred Pounds will probably answer these purposes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Patrick Fullerton, Lieu. in the 13th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred & Eighty Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

Messrs. Blewer & Cox, from the State Navy Board, represent, that the Brig. Convention, Commanded by Capt. Rich'd Eyre, is nearly fitted for Sea, desire further instructions concerning that Vessel; Whereupon,

Council considering that the danger of the Enemy's return into this River is greatly lessened by various Circumstances, & there is reason to expect that the said Brig. may greatly annoy the Enemy by Cruising upon the Coast, do recommend that the Navy Board fit

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out the said Brig. for this purpose, as expeditiously as possible, & engage Volunteers to Man her, on the best terms in their power, giving orders to Capt. Eyre to Cruize Six Weeks between the Cape of Virginia & Long Island, & then return for further orders.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday August 8, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	——— Mackay,	Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,	Jacob Arndt, &	
James Edgar,	——— Smith,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Robert Allison, for the Sum of Six hundred Pounds, for the purpose of paying the workmen employed in taking up the Plank at the redoubt, for which he is to account.

Capt. John Pearson & Lieu. Will'm Thomson, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, being sent on the Recruiting Service by Richard Butler, Esq'r, Colo. of the said Regiment, attended, & desired to be supplied with Money and Recruiting instructions.

Ordered, That they be furnished with Money & Recruiting Instructions.

And the following orders were drawn, Vizt: One in favor of Capt. John Pearson for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, & One other in favor of Lieu. Wm. Thomson, for the Sum of Six Hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, for which they are to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday Aug't 10, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay,	James Edgar, &	Esq'rs.
——— Smith,	Jac. Arndt,	
Jona. Hoge,		

Ordered, That a Dedimus Potestatem be made out, authorizing James Read, Jacob Morgan & Henry Huller, Esq'rs, of the County of Berks, or either of them, to administer to all & every person in the said County named in any Commission issued or granted, or to

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be issued or to be granted, the Oaths or Affirmations required to qualify them respectively for their Offices, & the trust reposed in them by virtue of such Commissions.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday Aug't 11, 1778.

PRESENT:

——— Mackay, James Edgar, &
——— Smith, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Aug't 12, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Edgar, &
——— Smith, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
Jona. Hoge,

A Committee from the Hon'ble House of General Assembly attended, & informed the Council that the House were desirous of a conference with Council on the subject of the State Navy, and of the defence of the River Delaware.

Ordered, That the Council will meet the House in conference this Afternoon at three O'Clock.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Samuel Cunningham, Esq'r, one of the Commissioners for purchasing Cloathing for Chester County, for the Sum of One Thousand Two hundred Pounds, for the purchasing of Cloathing, for which he is to account.

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The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday Aug't 13, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Edgar, &
——— Smith, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
Jona. Hoge,

The Hon'ble Rob't Morris, Esq'r, represented that a number of Arms & Gunlocks ordered by the former Council of Safety, were arrived from the West Indies in a Vessel belonging to him.

Ordered, That the Arms which are now arrived from the West Indies, in a Vessel belonging to the Hon'ble Rob't Morris, Esq'r, be put into the hands of Capt. Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores.

The Council took into consideration the State of the Navy, agreeable to the request of the House signified in the course of the conference yesterday, & having spent some time thereupon, adjourned.

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday August 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Edgar, &
——— Smith, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
Jona. Hoge,

The Council having considered the enquiries of the Hon'ble House of Assembly concerning the State Navy, propose that the Commodore & supernumerary Officers of the State Navy be all discharged; that the Galleys, except two or three, be all disarmed & the Vessels laid up or sold; That the Guard boats, except two or three, be all sold; That the Brig. Convention, now ready for Sea, be sent out on a Cruise for Six weeks, manned by Volunteers, on the terms of a Priveteer; That the Navy Board having failed in getting out the said Brig. in Seven Weeks, elapsed since the departure of the Enemy, be dismissed, & that Capt. Blewer, or other proper person, be employed to dispatch said Brig. immediately, or else that the said Brig. be sold without loss of time; The Cannon, Ammunition, Fire Arms and other Weapons, be secured in the State Stores.

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On Consideration,

Ordered, That Tho's Dorsey, Paymaster of the Militia, be discharged on the first day of September next, and that he be directed in the mean time to settle his accounts.

On consideration,

Ordered, That as there is no further necessity for a Barrack Master General in this State, Colonel Melchior be discharged from that Office.

Ordered, That application be made to the Board of War to give the necessary orders to the Muster Master to Muster the Militia of this State who are called into service, to the Westward & Northward.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday August 15, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, ——— Smith, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge, &

Divers Letters from Colo. Hartley, dated at Sunbury, August the 9th & 10th, were read.

Ordered, That the same be laid before the Board of War, & that Col. Smith & Mr. Hoge attend that Board, and enquire whether Colo. Hartley is ordered to the Westward, & to confer with the Board on the situation of the Forces on the frontiers.

The order of Congress of the 14th instant, relating to Mr. William Straker, lately made Prisoner by the Count D'Estaing's Squadron, was read, to wit:

"In Congress, August 14, 1778.

"The Board of War, to whom was referred the memorial of the Hon'ble Sieur Gerard, relative to Mr. William Straker, having made report thereon, & the same being read,

"*Ordered*, That the said report & papers referred to, relative to Mr. Straker, be referred to the Government of the State of Pennsylvania, to determine whether they will consider Mr. Will'm Straker, lately made Prisoner by the Count D'Estaing's Squadron, as a Citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, & if the said Government shall determine to consider & receive the said Will'm Straker as a Citizen of their State, that they be desired to transmit a Certificate of their determination to the Sieur. Gerard, Minister Plenepotentiary of his Christian Majesty.

"N. B.—Copy of the proceedings to be kept."

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On Consideration of the Case of Mr. William Straker, not only from the evidence now laid before them, but from his known residence & his past conduct in this Country, the Council are unanimously of opinion that he is a Citizen of this State, & ought to be considered & treated as such.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday Aug't 17, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, ——— Mackay, ——— Smith, Jonathan Hoge, James Edgar, & Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

The following Resolves of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of the 15th instant, were read, Viz.t.:

"In General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

"SATURDAY August 15, 1778, P. M.

"*Resolved* 1st, That this House do recommend to the Hon'ble the Vice President & Council, to discharge, on or before the Twentieth day of this instant, August, from & out of the Pay of this State, the Commodore & all other the Officers & Men belonging to the Fleet or Navy of this Commonwealth, except such as they shall deem necessary to Officer & Man a number of Gallies, not exceeding three, & a number of Guard boats, not exceeding three, without paying any regard to rank or seniority.

"*Resolve* 2d, That it be recommended to the Hon'ble the Vice President & Council, to set such & so many of the Guard boats as they may think proper.

"*Resolve* 3d, That it be recommended to the Hon'ble the Vice President & Council, to appoint Capt. Thomas Houstons to be Captain of the Brig. Convention, & Colo. Robert Knox & Capt. Joseph Blewer to fit out, Man & send the said Brig. upon a Cruize against the Enemies of the United States, & upon such terms as Privateers are usually sent.

"*Resolve* 4th, That it be recommended to the Hon'ble the Vice President & Council, to dismiss the Navy Board of this Commonwealth.

"*Resolve* 5th, That the Gallies, Guard boats not sold, Cannon, Ammunition, Weapons & implements of War, riggle tackle & furniture, be properly secured & preserved.

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"*Resolve* 6th, That the thanks of the House be given to the members of the State Navy Board, & to the Officers & Men of the Navy, for their Services in the Public cause.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Hon'ble the Vice President & Council, to take proper measures for preserving & securing as much of the Wrecks, Cargoes, Furniture and apparel of the Vessels sunk or left in the different parts of the River Delaware, as may be possible."

Ordered, That in Consideration of the recommendation of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, That Capt. Thomas Houston be appointed & Commissioned to be Captain of the Armed Brig. Convention, And that Col. Robert Knox & Capt. Joseph Blewer be appointed to fit out, Man & send the said Brig. upon a Cruize against the Enemies of the United States, upon such terms as Privateers are usually sent.

Ordered, That in pursuance of the third, fourth & sixth Resolves of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, & for the reasons assigned by the House, the Navy Board of this Commonwealth be dismissed, & that they be furnished with a Copy of the said Resolves.

In Consequence of Col. Richard Butler's recommendation of Capt. Jos. McClellan, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, as a suitable Person to Recruit,

Ordered, That the said Capt. Jos. McClellan be furnished with Recruiting instructions, & that he be directed to call on Colo. Rob't Smith, Lieut of the County of Chester, for Money for that purpose.

Thomas Smith, Esq'r, of the County of Bedford, attended in Council, & represented that the Board of War had under their consideration the building of a Stockade Fort at the Town of Bedford, & that the said Board was desirous of being informed of the Sentiments of this Council respecting the propriety & necessity of it.

On consideration of the advantages to be derived from such a fortification in the keeping open the Communication with Pittsburgh, especially while an expedition to the Westward is on foot, Council are of opinion that the erecting of such a fort will be very proper.

Garret Davis, a disabled Seaman, Solicited his half Pay, due to him from the first of August last, agreeable to the order of the Council of Safety, & it appearing by a Letter from J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, that the same is due to him on the first instant,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Secretary, for Sixteen Pounds & Ten Shillings, being eleven Months half Pay due to Garret Davis, to be by the Secretary applied in such manner as the most effectually to relieve him from his present distress.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday Aug't 18, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jona. Hoge, & James Edgar. } Esq'rs.
—— Mackay,

A Letter from the Hon'ble Thomas Scott, dated Westmorland, Aug't 1st, 1778, was read, & the same containing some information relating to the boundaries between the State of Virginia & of this State,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the House of Gen'l Assembly.

Resolve of Congress of the 14th instant, requesting that one the armed Galley's may be stationed near the mouth of the Cape May Channel, was read.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. Arch'd Campbell, of the Sixth Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Eight hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, for which he is to be accountable.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Rob't Knox & Capt. Joseph Blewer, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, for the purpose of fitting out for Sea the armed Brig Convention, for which they are to be accountable.

An order was drawn on the Hon'ble Board of War for the following Articles, vizt: 50 Rounds of Cartridges for eight Guns, two Pounds each; 2 Kegs of Powder, one of them fine; one ream of Cartridge Paper; 1006 Musquet Cartridges; 500 Pistol Cartridges; Twenty-five Musquets with Bayonets; & two four Pounders, to be delivered to Col. Rob't Knox & Capt. Jos. Blewer, for the use of the Armed Brig Convention, belonging to this State.

It being represented by Rob't Galbraith, Esq'r, & others of the County of Bedford, that there are in the Goal of the said County divers persons said to have been guilty of treasonable practices, & one man said to have committed Murder;

A list of the persons said to have been guilty of treasonable practices was laid before the Council, and on consideration of the many important trials which will probably come before the Supreme Court, & of the danger there may of the said Traitors being rescued, as well as other difficulties which the people of the County of Bedford now lie under, which render a speedy trial of the said offenders highly necessary,

Ordered, That John Armstrong of the County of Cumberland, Esq'r, Barnard Dougherty & Jas. Martin of the County of Bedford, Esq'rs, Archibald McClean of the County of York, Esq'r, & John Hubley of the County of Lancaster, Esq'r, be appointed

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& Commissioned to enquire, on the Oath of good & lawful men of the said County of Bedford, of & concerning the said offences, & to determine the same according to law, &ca.

Ordered, That a Dedimus Potestatum be made out, authorizing & empowering Robt. Galbraith & John Piper of the County of Bedford, Esq'rs, or either of them, to administer to the aforesaid John Armstrong, Bernard Dougherty, James Martin, Archibald McClean & John Hubley, Esq'rs, respectively, the Oaths or Affirmation required to be taken to qualify them for the Office & trust reposed in them by the Commission so to be issued.

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Aug't 19, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart,	James Edgar,	Esq'rs.
—— Mackay,	Jacob Arndt, &	
Jonathan Hoge,	Thomas Urie.	
—— Smith,		

Council having received information that there are seven Store-Ships belonging to the Enemy in the Bay of Delaware,

Ordered, That the Navy Board do immediately send two of the Galleys now in repair, most fit for the purpose, into the Delaware Bay, to annoy the Enemy, and at the same time to give orders to the Commanders of the said Galleys to exert themselves to prevent the exportation of provisions, either thro' the Cape May Channel or the Delaware.

The Council being informed that a quantity of Indigo belonging to the State, purchased by the Council of Safety, is lodged in the hands of Robt. Levers, Esq'r, at Easton,

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to Robt. Levers, Esq'r, & direct him to send the said indigo down to this City by the first opportunity.

Col. Knox & Capt. Blewer attended the Council and requested an order for Twenty-five Muskets & Twenty-five Men from the Galleys, to go on board the Brig Convention.

Ordered, That Commodore Hazlewood do furnish from the Gally's Twenty-five able Men to go on board the Armed Arig Convention.

Col. Knox & Capt. Blewer recommended Thomas Philips first Lieutenant, & James Simpson Second Lieutenant of the Armed Brig Convention.

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On consideration,

Ordered, That Thomas Philips be appointed first Lieut. of the Armed Brig Convention, & that James Simpson be appointed 2d Lieut. of the said Armed Brig.

On consideration of the conduct & character of the Agents for forfeited Estates in Bucks County, Richard Gibbs, Esq'r, having resigned, & the necessity that the most vigorous measures be taken within the said County to secure the Estates of Traitors belonging to thisState; it was

Resolved, That John Lacey, jun'r, Esq'r, and George Wall, jun'r, Esq'r, be appointed Agents & Factors for forfeited Estates within said County, & that the former appointments of Agents and Factors for that purpose within the County of Bucks be superceded, And the Secretary is directed to prepare instructions & transmit the same with this Minute, to the Agents now appointed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday August 20, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
—— Mackay,
Jon. Hoge,
—— Smith,
James Edgar,
Jacob Arndt, &
Thomas Urie,
} Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. William Thompson, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, to be charged to him.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Francis Trumble, for 19 Windsor Chairs, for the Sum of Sixty-four Pounds Two Shillings & Six Pence.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob Steinmitz, for the Sum of One Hundred & nine Pounds Two Shillings & Six Pence, for Bricks furnished by him for repairs to be done at the State House.

"Conference with Committee of the House."

"A Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly attended in Council by order of the House, to confer with Council upon the expediency or necessity of fortifying the River Delaware, & after spending several hours thereupon, It was agreed, That it will be proper, before any determination be had on the said Subject, to Ask of Congress a Conference with a Committee of their House upon the important business; And a Letter was accordingly written to the Hon'ble President of Congress acquainting him with the opinion of the conference herein."

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The Congress met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday August 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
——— Mackay,
Jona. Hoge,
—— Smith,
James Edgar,
Jacob Arndt, &
Thomas Urie.
} Esq'rs.

Mr. Arthur Donaldson having represented to Council that he found himself under difficulties in procuring necessary supplies for the raising the Wrecks in the River; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Navy board & the Commissary of Stores, do from time to time furnish Mr. Arthur Donaldson with such Stores & other assistance as he may have occasion for in his attempts to raise the Wrecks in the River Delaware: It is probable that the Gallies and Boats may be wanted in this Service, & in case they are, Mr. Donaldson is to have their assistance.

Jacob Barge & Reuben Haines, two of the Wardens of the City, attended the Council & represented that, from the situation of public Affairs no Lamp & Watch Tax has been Collected for Two Years past, and that the Wardens have contracted considerable debts in supplying the Lamps with Oil, paying Watchmen, &ca, & that the stock of Oil is now entirely expended, in consequence whereof the Lamps cannot be lighted, nor have they been lighted for sometime past; That a Tax for the raising of Money for this purpose cannot be collected in any short time, & therefore, request the Council to lend them One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, to pay the Debts contracted with private persons, & furnish a present supply of Oil, the said sum to be repaid as early as possible.

On consideration,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob Barge, one of the City Wardens or his order, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to purchase a present supply of Oil for the City Lamps, to be charged to the City Wardens, & to be repaid by them as soon as possible.

On application,

Ordered, That Mr. Allison do furnish John Mitchell, Esq'r, D. Q. M. G., with a Waggon load or two of the Pickets taken up from the Redoubts, for the purpose of repairing a breach in the bank of the State Island.

Ensign Philip Snyder, of the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't, being appointed by Major Gen'l Wayne & sent on the Recruiting Service, thereupon Recruiting orders were given him, And an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Ens. Philip Snyder, of the 6th

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Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet, or his order, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of the 17th instant, recommending to this Council "to retain & employ in the Public Service such able Council as they may think necessary, to Assist the Attorney General in the prosecution of Public offenders, & that they make a proper compensation for their services," being read, & the same being considered,

Ordered, That the Hon'ble Joseph Reed, Esq'r, be applied to & retained to Assist the Attorney General for the present year, & that the Sum of Two thousand Pounds be allowed him for his service for one year.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday Aug't 22, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, ——— Mackay, Jon'a Hoge, ——— Smith, James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, & Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. Piercy, of the 2d Pennsylvania Reg't, for the sum of Six hundred dollars, for the recruiting service, & to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Pearson, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

Mrs. Frances Raddon, wife of Capt. Raddon, having requested of the Secretary a Pass to New York, & represented that she was Pregnant & near the time of delivery, that she was very desirous to be with her husband, on whom she depends for her support, & that she has no intention of returning to this City;

On consideration;

Ordered, That a Pass under the State seal be made out, signed by the President & attested by the Secretary, permitting the said Frances Raddon to pass on her way to New York, & recommending her to the Officer Commanding the Troops next to the Enemy.

On consideration of the proposal of Arthur Donaldson for raising the Wrecks in the River Delaware,

Ordered, That Mr. Arthur Donaldson be employed to engage proper persons to raise the wrecks in the River Delaware, & that

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he oversee & direct them therein, for which service he shall be allowed the Sum of Three Pounds ℔ diem.

The Council now took into consideration the Resolve of Congress of the 15th instant, with the Papers therewith enclosed, relating to the case of Frederick Verner, under sentence of death, passed by a Court Martial, on which the opinion of the Hon'ble Thomas McKean, Esq'r, Chief Justice of this State, has been given in the following words, vizt:

"I have perused & considered the proceedings of a General Court Martial, held in the city of Philadelphia by order of Major General Arnold, on the 29th day of July now last past, upon Frederick Verner, and also the Extract of a Letter from the said General to Congress, dated the 15th instant, which have been referred to me by the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, & upon the whole, beg leave to advise in favor of life; that the said Frederick Verner should be tried by the Laws of Pennsylvania for treason, & that he be detained in safe Custody until the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal Delivery to be holden at Philadelphia for the City & County of Philadelphia, then to be tried, & in the mean time, that the several witnesses be bound over to give evidence at the said Court, & that Maj. Gen'l Arnold be desired to send for Capt. Allen McLean, or any other person now in the Army in the State of New York, who can give evidence against the Prisoner, for the purpose aforesaid.

"THO'S McKEAN.

"PHILAD'A, Aug't 22, 1778."

Which opinion this Council do approve, and thereupon it is

Ordered, That the said opinion be Communicated to Congress, & that the Congress be informed that the Council do approve of the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday August 24, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Edgar,	Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,	Jacob Arndt, &	
Jona. Hoge,	Thomas Uric,	
——— Smith,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Robert Knox & Capt. Joseph Blewer, or their order, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, for which they are to account.

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Ordered, That Col. Henry deliver to Col. Knox & Capt. Blewer Twenty Cartridge Boxes, for the Brig Convention.

The Petition of John Samsfield, a disabled Galley man, praying to be discharged, was read, and the same being signed by Capt. Isaac Roach of the Galleys,

Ordered, That the

The Hon'ble Tho's M'Kean, Esq'r, represented to Council that application had been made to him in behalf of a certain Charles Dingee, now confined in the Goal of the County of Lancaster, requesting that he may be removed to the Goal of the County of Chester, in which County his friends reside.

On consideration that the said Charles Dingee was committed to the Goal of the County of Lancaster as a place of greater security than that of the Countyof Chester at the time of his commitment,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the County of Chester be authorized & empowered to remove the said Charles Dingee from the Goal of the County of Lancaster to the Goal of the County of Chester, at the expence of him, the said Charles Dingee.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Will'm Thompson, of the 9th Penns'a Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the recruiting service, for which Sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday August 25, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar,
——— Mackay, Jacob Arndt, &
Jona. Hoge, Thomas Urie,
——— Smith, } Esq'rs.

Ordered, That the Hon'ble Vice President, Col. Hart & Colonel Smith, be a Committee to meet the Committee of Congress & of the House of Assembly in conference, on the subject of fortifying the River Delaware.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday August 26, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq,'r Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar,
——— Mackay, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.
——— Smith, Tho's Urie.

Recruiting orders were issued to ensign Robert Rice, for recruiting, by recommendation of Col. Hampton, and an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Ens. Robert Rice, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Francis Bayley, for the sum of Five hundred & Fifty pounds, in part of his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Matt'w Boyd, one of the Commissioners for purchasing Cloathing in the County of Chester, for the Sum of Four hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

The Secretary reported, That application was now made for commissions for private Ships of War more than are in his possession; therefore,

Ordered, That application be made to the President of Congress for twelve blank commissions for private Ships of War.

Ordered, That recruiting instructions be made out for Capt. Samuel Craig & Lieu. Edw'd Crawford, of the first Pennsylvania Reg't.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Sam'l Craig, for six hundred dollars, for the recruiting service, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Edw'd Crawford, for six hundred dollars, for the recruiting service, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Arch'd Campbell, of the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday August 29, 1778.

Capt. McAffee proposed to make examination for Goods in the possession of Fitz, who had robbed him, & ammunition for defence,

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& gave the following account, to-wit: That about 11 O'Clock a Gun was fired at the Window, but struck below the Window, he had not two rounds of Ammunition at this time in his possession; his nearest neighbours refused to assist him in guarding him.

Ordered, That Capt. Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, do deliver to Capt. McAffee Ammunition & 4 Militia Men.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt: One in favor of Robert Allison, for the Sum of Eight hundred Pounds; One in favor of John Parker, for the Sum of Forty Pounds, both on account of repairs, &c. done to the State House; & one other in favor of Arthur Donaldson, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday August 31, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Edgar,
——— Smith, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
Jon'n Hoge,

Petitions of John Knowles, Alexa. Murray & William Moland, were read, Praying, That as they had been made Prisoners by the British Troops, & were now upon their Parole, Abraham Iredell and others might be sent into New York to be exchanged for them, whereby they may be restored to their liberty.

Accounts of John Eyre & of Jacob Miller, for Lumber & plank that was taken from them & used by the Enemy in building a Fort, & afterwards taken & used by the State for the same purpose, was laid before Council.

Ordered, That application be made to the President of Congress for Twenty-four blank Commissions for private Ships of War; (the 12 ordered on the 27th not being furnished us.)

Samuel Morris the elder, Esq'r, & eighteen other Citizens of reputation, attended the Council, & the said Sam'l Morris, in the name of the rest, addressed the Hon'ble Vice President, & requested That the Council would compassionate the case of the four unhappy Prisoners, Criminals, now under Sentence of Death, & spare the lives of the said Criminals, or some of them, they all appearing to be very penitent & sensible of their great offence, as well as of the justice of the sentence pronounced against them. The Hon'ble Vice President remarked the imposibility of suporting an armed, without making examples of offenders in this way, & that whatever the feelings the members of Council may have as Men, it must be remembered that the Council are to consider themselves as being

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bound by their Station to perform some of the arduous duties of Magistrates, And remarked that it would be proper for the Gentlemen who meant to solicit Mercy for the Prisoners to do it in writing, in order that it may appear at a future day. They then retired.

Appointment of the Captains of the Galleys & Guard Boats; (Captains to return their Lieut's from among the Lieut's now in service.)

Application of the Rev'd S. Barton for a Pass into the City of New York.

Ordered, That a Pass for the said S. Barton & his wife to the City of New York, be made out.

Ap. of Rev'd Mr. A. Murray for time, &ca., referred.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday Septem. 1, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Edgar,
——— Smith, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.
Jona. Hoge, Thomas Urie,

John Knowles, Esq'r, attended the Council & represented that he had been made a Prisoner by the Enemy & carried by them to the city of New York, that he had been permitted on Parole to return to this City & to use his endeavours to obtain Abraham Iredale, of Horsham, in the County of Philadelphia, to be delivered in Exchange for him, the said John Knowles otherwise to return again to the City of New York.

On consideration, Council consent to exchange Abraham Iredale aforesaid, for John Knowles, Esq'r, now under Parole, to the Enemy, and it is

Ordered, That neither the said Abraham Iredale nor his bail shall be sued for default of his appearance in the next Court of Oyer & Terminer, to answer the charge of Treason made against him.

Petition of Negro Ralph, (formerly the property of John Ranken,) was read.

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the table.

The Petition of a considerable number of respectable Citizens Praying, in effect, that Council will remit the punishment of death under which Samuel Lyons, Samuel Ford, Joseph Wilson & John Lawrence, now lie, was read.

Mem. Benja. Walton of Bucks County, & Casper Guyer of Philadelphia, are still in confinement.

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A Letter from Benja. Blyth to the Hon'ble Tho's McKean, Esquire, Chief Justice, was read, & the same representing that ——— Maclay, Esq'r, one of the Justices for the County of Cumberland had negligently suffered a certain Connelius Hutcheson, charged with High Treason, to make his escape; thereupon,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Hon'ble Tho's McKean, Esq'r, Chief Justice, to make further enquiry into the said charge, & proceed therein according to Law.

Edward Burd, Esq'r, appointed Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, &ca.

Death Warrants for Lyons, Ford, Wilson & Lawrence, Delivered to Commodore Hazelwood, directed to Commodore John Hazelwood, or in his absence to the Officer Commanding.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Case of the Four Men under sentence of Death, & for the execution of whom Warrants have been issued:

Question.—"Shall Ford be spared?"	Negative.
"Shall Lawrence be spared?"	Affirmative.
"Shall Wilson be spared?"	Affirmative.
"Shall Lyons be spared?"	Negative.

and thereupon,

Ordered, That Joseph Wilson & John Lawrence, now under sentence of Death, & for the execution of whom Warrants have been issued, be reprieved for fifteen days.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday September 2d, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
——— Smith,	Thomas Urie, &	
Jona. Hoge,	Joseph Hart,	
James Edgar,		

A Warrant under the less Seal was issued, Commanding Robert Jewell, Esq'r, Keeper of the Prison of the United States in this City, commanding him to deliver Samuel Ford, Samuel Lyons, Joseph Wilson & John Lawrence, now under sentence of death, &c, to Commodore John Hazlewood, or in his absence to the officer commanding, to be dealt with as this Council shall order.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday Septem. 8, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Eeq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Edgar,
——— Smith, Thomas Urie, & } Esq'rs.
Jona. Hoge, Joseph Hart,

There having been many circumstances which render it highly probable that a certain ——— Berkenhout, Doct. of Physic, a subject of Great Britain, & in the employ of the British Ministry, is now in this City, probably on some mischiefous design.

On consideration, a Warrant under the State Seal was issued, authorizing Col. Lewis Nicola, town Major, to seize the said Doctor Berkenhout & his papers, & bring him & them before this Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Ebenezer Cowell, (Armourer,) or his order, for the Sum of Eight hundred Dollars, for which Sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday September 4, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Edgar,
——— Smith, Thomas Urie, & } Esq'rs.
Jona. Hoge, Joseph Hart,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Will'm Thompson, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to his account.

On Application,

Ordered, That a Pass into the City of New York be granted to Elizabeth Shugart, wife of Lieu. Zachary Shugart, of the Pennsylvania flying camp, now a prisoner on Long Island.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Jordan, paymaster of Militia for the County of Northumberland, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Philip Boehm, jun'r, paymaster of Militia for the County of Northampton, for the Sum of Two Thousand & five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

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Petition of Ignatius Labatte & Philip Angle, inhabitants of Fort Pitt, praying a pass with a Batteau laden with fur, to New Orleans, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be accordingly granted.

A Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly was read, in the following words, to-Wit:

"In General Assembly, Friday Septem. 4, 1778, A. M.

"*Resolved*, That the Vice President & Council be authorized, impowered & required to take the most effectual measures for preventing the exportation of provisions from this State, until a law shall be enacted, or other regulations made by this Assembly. On consideration,

Ordered, That agreeable to the Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, the Embargo on provisions be continued for & during fifteen days from this date, & that a Proclamation be issued for that purpose accordingly.

The Resolve of Congress of yesterday being read, to wit:

"In Congress, September 3d, 1778.

"WHEREAS, Gen'l Washington has required that the Continental Troops in Philadelphia be sent to join the main Army, & that they they be replaced by the City Militia:

"*Resolved*, That the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania be requested to call out immediately three hundred of the Militia of the State, to serve as Guards in the City of Philadelphia, & perform such other Military Services as shall be required of them.

"*Resolved*, That the Artillery Reg't raised in Pennsylvania, Commanded by Col. Tho's Proctor, be considered as part of the quota of Troops to be furnished by that State, which is to be Credited for the Men now in the Regiment, & also for any which shall be hereafter recruited therein, & that the Government of the said State be requested to furnish Col. Proctor with the State bounty, to enable him to fill up the Regiment to its compliment of Men.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"CHA. THOMSON, Sec'y."

Ordered, That the seventh Class of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia be now called into service.

Col. Samuel Atlee having represented that there was a considerable Sum of Money due to him for his Pay, &ca.; on Consideration that there may be a necessity of his advancing some Money to his inferior Officers,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Sam'l Atlee, for the Sum of Seven hundred & fifty Pounds, for which he is to account.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Henry, Esq., Armourer, or his order, for the Sum of Ten thousand & nine hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Application for William Stringer, Clerk, for permission to retire to England.

Application for Mrs. Robinson.

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday Septem. 5, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Edgar,
——— Smith, Thomas Urie, & } Esq'rs.
Jona. Hoge, Joseph Hart,

A Letter from Col. Will'm Irvine, of the 7th Pennsylvania Reg't, recommending Capt. Bratton & Lieut Russel & Millegan to go on the recruiting Service, and thereupon Recruiting orders were accordingly given them as follows:

To Capt. Will'm Bratton to Lancaster County, with orders to the Lieutenant of the said County, to Supply him with Money from time to time, as he may have occasion; and to Lieu. James Millegan to York Town, with orders to the Lieu. of the County of York to furnish him with Money for this service, and Lieu. Alex'a Russell, to Carlisle, with orders on the Lieu. of Cumberland County. Lieu. Millegan to have orders to call on the Lieutenants of York & Cumberland. Lieu. Russel orders to the Lieutenant of the County of Lancaster.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Cap't John Pearson, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand Dollars, for the Recruiting service, for which he is to acco't.

Colo. Hart & Mr. Read reports, That on examining the papers of Doctor Berkenhout, they found a letter which he (the Doctor) acknowledges he had written the Evening before his arrest, with intention of sending it to Richard Henry Lee, Esq'r, of which the following is a Copy:

"Sir:

"The important business in which you are engaged will not permit you to favour me with as much of your conversation as I am inclined to wish, for I presume therefore, to trouble you with the following reflexions on paper; they appear to me of consequence sufficient to deserve a moment's attention.

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"America will most assuredly never relinquish the independence she hath so nobly acquired; this Independence the Commissioners have no power to grant; it is therefore, evident that no treaty of pacification can possibly commence. Reflecting on this situation of affairs; most ardently solicitous to prevent the further effusion of blood, and impatient to behold the peaceful establishment of this delightful asylum of liberty, I presume to offer myself a voluntary negotiator between the two contending powers. You start at my presumption, but I am sure your candour will suffer me to proceed. If I were to return immediately to England, I am confident that I could command the eager attention of the Ministry; that I could convince them of a thousand errors into which they have been led, relative to the general disposition of the People of America, the Power of the State, the inflexibility and sagacity obvious in every department, & many other particulars, sufficient to convince Great Britain that every idea of subjugating America is futile and ridiculous.

"This information I might give the British Ministry, without any countenance or assistance from Congress or any of its members; but to render my success indisputable, I could wish that I might be enabled to delineate the outlines of such a Treaty of peace & commerce as America would probably approve; I say probably approve, because I do not expect that Congress will give me the least degree of authority. I would presume to request a mere sketch or outlines of essential Articles on a slip of Paper, not signed, & intended only to assist my memory."

(Dr. Berkenhout's essay of a letter to R. H. Lee, Esq'r).

T. M.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Matt'w Smith, Esq'r, for the Sum of one hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

Ordered, That the Petition of Negro Ralph, late a slave of John Rankin, late of the County of York, be referred to the general Assembly, together with his Papers of proof that he is a freeman.

Ordered, That this Council will on Monday next go down to Billings Port, finally to determine respecting the fortifications to be erected on the river Delaware.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Lieut. Arch'd Campbell, of the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting service, to be charg'd to his account.

Colo. George Stewart, of the County of Lancaster, attended the Council, agreeable to the notice sent him, And the wife of Mich'l Whitman attended also, but she, on examination, appearing to have been absent at the time of holding the vendue for the Sale of her Husband's effects, And no other person appearing to give evidence in support of a charge made against the said Col. George Stewart

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of his Having acted improperly in the Sale of the said Mich'l Whitman's effects, the said charge is therefore dismissed.

Doc. Gardner, Mr. Gronow, & Col. Dill, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council & informed the Council That divers Members of the House being acquainted with the circumstances of Ralph, late the Slave of John Rankin, which induce the House to think him unworthy of the notice of the House, he having been supposed guilty of a Burglary within the County of Chester, from whence he was sold, to avoid his being punished, & that the manumission is dated while Mr. Rankin was in the City of Philadelphia, and therefore the House recommend that he be not now Sold, but that he be hired out for the present.

Ordered, that This Council will, on Monday next, go down to Billingsport, to view the State of that ground.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday Septem. 8, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	——— Smith,	Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,	James Edgar, &	
Jona. Hoge,	Thomas Urie,	
James Read,		

Joseph Blewer attended the Council & represented that his Son, who was taken Prisoner at the Battle of German Town, is now in New York, & in a low state of Health, which induces Mrs. Blewer to solicit a Pass into that City to visit her son. On consideration,

Ordered, That a Pass be made out for Mrs. Blewer, to permit her to pass into New York.

On Application,

Ordered, That a Pass be made out for Miss ——— Miller, & ——— ———, to go into the City of New York, not to be permitted to return.

Petition of Doctor John Abram Denormandie, praying leave to sell, convey, & confirm his estate real, according to an Act of Assembly in such case made & provided,

Ordered, That permission under the great Seal of the State, & signed by the Vice President, be made out to Dr. John Abram Denormandie, to sell and convey his estate, according to the Act of General Assembly in that case made & provided.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble James Edgar, Esq'r, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Henry Spicker, Paymaster of the Militia of the County of Berks, for the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Recruiting Orders were issued to Lieut. John Stoy, of the 2d Pennsylvania Reg't, recommended by Col. Stewart to recruit in Philadelphia County, & An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. John Stoy, of the 2d Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred, to be charged to his acco't, for the recruiting service.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Crispin, Esq'r, Commissary of the State Fleet, or his order, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, for which he is to account.

On Consideration of the State of the River defence,

Ordered, That four Pieces of heavy Artillery be placed on the Fortifications at Billingsport, & two Pieces of heavy Artillery be placed on the Fortifications at Mud Island.

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday September 9, 1778.

PRESENT:

Jos. Hart,	——— Smith,	Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,	James Edgar,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Thomas Urie,	
James Read,		

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday September 10, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jona. Hoge, &	Esq'rs.
——— Mackey,	James Read,	
James Edgar,		

On consideration of the returns & petitions from the County of Bedford respecting Justices of the Peace,

Ordered, That John Hains, Thomas Wilson, Samuel Thompson & Matthew Dean, be appointed & Commissioned to be Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford. Commissions to each delivered to Mr. Cessna, Member of Assembly for Bedford.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Eyer, or his order, for the Sum of Five hundred & fifty Pounds, on account of work done to the Galleys.

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Capt. Harman Stout, of the 10th Pennsylvania Reg't, laid before the Council orders from Col. Rich'd Humpton, to enter upon the recruiting Service in the City of Philadelphia, & to apply to the Council for instructions & money for that Service, and thereupon, instructions were accordingly given him; and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Harman Stout, of the 10th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service, and for which Capt. Stout is to account.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz.:

In favor of Lieut. Will'm Thompson, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

In favor of Ens. Rob't Rice, of the 10th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

In favor of Lieut. James McCulloch, of the 5th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Seven hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

In favor of Lieut. James Forbes, of the 5th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of One thousand Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

The Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia attended & requested that a guard may be appointed to conduct several Prisoners from Lancaster to this City; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia do furnish a guard, not exceeding twelve Men, to conduct Prisoners (under the direction of the Sheriff of the County) from the Borough of Lancaster to the City of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday Sept. 11, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jon'a Hoge, &
——— Mackay, James Read, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

John Moyes laid before the Council an account of his attendance at Billingsport, to take care of the Signal Gun, from Decem'r 4, 1776, to March 17, 1777, is 103 days @ 12s ℔ day; & thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Moyes, or his order, for the Sum of Sixty-one Pounds & Sixteen Shillings, for his attendance on the Signal Gun at Billingsport 103 days.

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John Adams, Pilot, laid before the Council his account for attending at the Light House Seven Months, Amounting to the Sum of One hundred & twelve Pounds, in which he Credits the State with the Sum of Forty-two Pounds received of Major Henry Fisher; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Adams, for the Sum of Seventy Pounds, ballance due on his account.

Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Ralston & Mr. ————, a Committee from the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council, & represented that the House had received information that a summons had been issued by two Justices of the Peace, commanding all persons above the age of eighteen years to appear at a day & place therein named, & take the oath of Allegiance to the State, which the House conceived to be a case of great importance, & therefore requested the advice of the Council therein.

Bartram Galbraith, Esq'r, Lieu. of the County of Lancaster, reports to Council, That in consequence of orders received from this Council, he had received from the Quarter Master General Certificates in pay of Substitutes, Money, due for the Militia of the said County, and prayed that an order be issued to the Treasurer to receive the said Certificates in discharge of such Monies as may be due from the said Bartram Galbraith to the State.

On consideration,

Ordered, That it be recommended to David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, State Treasurer, to receive of Bartram Galbraith, Esq'r, Lieut. of the County of Lancaster, Quarter Master General's Certificates, in discharge of such Sums as hath been paid into his hands by the Militia of that County, so far as the said Bartram Galbraith hath received such Certificates in payment of substitute Money.

Ordered, That written application be made to the Board of War, reminding them that application had been made by Col. Smith, acquainting them that the time of the Militia now in Service was near expiring, & requesting to know whether the Board of War thought proper to call for any number of Militia to supply their places.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday September 12, 1778.

PRESENT;

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jon'a Hoge, & James Read, } Esq'rs.
——— Mackay,
James Edgar,

The following two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major Christian Wirtz, Viz't:

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One for the Sum of Two hundred & Seventy Pounds & Ten Shillings, for his Pay from the Sixth of January last 'till September the Sixth ins., at 50 Dollars ℔ M., - - - £150 00
For a Ream of Writing Paper, - - - - 8 00
For his rations not drawn during the same time, 900 Rations @ 2s 6, - - - - - - - - 112 10

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The other for the Sum of Fifty-one Pounds & ten Shillings, for making up Sixteen Thousand Musket Cartridges, casting the Bullets, & for Paper & twine, to be charged to Congress, the same being for the use of the Guards stationed at Lancaster & delivered to Ludwig Lowman, D. C.

Information being now obtained that His Excellency the late President had, in behalf of this Council, some time ago, purchased of John Maxwell Nesbitt, one-fourth part of a Cargo of Linens imported into Maryland, which by reason of the said President's Death or from some other cause, had not before this present time came to the knowledge of the Council, but with two-fourth parts of the same Cargo purchased by Mess. Meas & Caldwell, for the use of the Continent, have remained at the place where they were landed; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Jacob S. Howell, do immediately take the necessary measures, in conjunction with Mr. James Meas, to have the Linens purchased by his Excell'y the late President, of John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esquire, brought from Maryland, where they now are, to this City.

The Council having now determined to employ Colonel John Bull to direct the Workmen, & to complete the works ordered by this Council at Billingsport & Mud Island, It now Agreed, That Colo. Bull be allowed for the aforesaid service the Sum of Three Pounds ℔ Diem, & forage at Billingsport for one horse.

Col. Bull having recommended Mr. Will'm Armstrong as Paymaster & Steward at Billingsport & Mud Island,

Ordered, That Mr. Will'm Armstrong be appointed Paymaster & Steward at Billingsport & Mud Island, & that his pay be Twenty-five Shillings ℔ diem.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Will'm Oldham, of the 5th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of One thousand & five hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his acco't.

Ordered, That Mr. Rob't Alison be directed to deliver to Col. Bull such of the Plank & other Timber, Spikes, &ca., taken from the Redoubts of the Enemy, as he may have occasion, for to complete the works ordered to be erected at Billingsport & Mud Island, & also one or two of the Guard Houses, for Barracks.

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Col. John Proctor, Paymaster of Militia for the County of Westmorland, having requested that a Sum of Money may be sent to him to Pay the Militia of that County with, & Moses Watson, of the said County, being now here for the purpose of carrying the Money to Col. Proctor;

(This draft in favor of Mr. Moses Ward, was returned to the Council unpaid on the 9th of January, 1779, as appears by the Minutes of Council of that day;)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Moses Ward, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, to be by him delivered to Col. John Proctor, Paymaster of Militia for the County of Westmoreland, to be charged to the said John Proctor.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Ensign Will'm Snyder, of the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Eight Hundred Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That Mr. Will'm Crispin be directed to supply the Workmen at Billingsport & Mud Island with provisions.

Ordered, That Dr. Berkenhout be sent within the Enemies' lines near the City of New York, and that he be escorted by some suitable person, who shall have in charge to prevent the Doctor from receiving any Letters for that City.

Ordered, That the following Gentlemen be appointed Officers of the Chatham & Hancock Galleys in the service of this State, Vizt: George Meyers, first Lieutenant; & John McClance, second Lieutenant of the Chatham Galley; And Nicholas Fitzsimmons, first Lieutenant; and Joseph Quality, second Lieutenant of the Hancock Galley; And That commissions be made out accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday September 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Read, &
Jona. Hoge, Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

The Petition of Matthew Clarkson, praying to be re-appointed Marshall of the Admiralty, was read & ordered to lie on the Table.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Col. Knox & Capt. Blewer be directed to sell the State Shallop, late commanded by Capt. Wade, as she now lies half full of Water, for the best price which can be had for her.

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Ordered, That Capt. Hazlewood be directed to obey the Warrant of the Hon'ble Chief Justice in conducting Fitzpatrick from this City to the Borough of Chester, & also in conducting such other Prisoners as the Chief Justice shall order to be removed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Will'm Clark, for the Sum of five Thousand Pounds, for the purpose of paying the Militia of the County of Cumberland, to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That the Secretary apply to Commodore Hazlewood to procure an exact account of the Vessels, Boats, Cannon, Sails, Stores, & other furniture of the State Fleet, & lodge the same with the Secretary, distinguishing such part thereof as may be necessary for the Three Galleys commanded by Captains Boys, Garland, & Roads, & the Three Guard Boats, commanded by Captains Hazlewood, Beazeley, & Martin.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain John Pearson, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars, for the recruiting Service, for which he is to account.

Lieu. Jacob Vanderslier, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, laid before the Council instructions for his entering on the Recruiting service, given him by the Lieu. Colonel of the said Regiment; And thereupon, Recruiting instructions were issued to him in the County of Berks, with orders to the Lieutenant of the County of Berks for Money.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday Septem. 15, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Read, &
Jona. Hoge, Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

Ordered, That Passes be made out for Miss Miller & Mary Campbell, seperately, to go into New York, not to return.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Septem. 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Read, &
Jona. Hoge, Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Hancock Galley be immediately put under the command of Capt. Garland, & that the Chatham Galley be immediately put under the command of Capt. Roach.

Petition of John Tittermary, praying a Pass to New York to recover a Debt due to him from the Q'r M'r General, was read,

Ordered, That a Pass be granted to John Tittermary to go to the City of New York.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major Will'm Armstrong, Paymaster & Steward at Billingsport & Mud Island, or his order, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Scott, Pay Master of the Militia of the County of York, or his order, for the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The following Officers being recommended by the commanding Officers of the respective Regiments, as proper persons for the recruiting service, Vizt: Capt. James Wilson, Berks; Lieu. John Hughes, Cumberland; Lieu. John Dougherty, Northumberland; Lieu. Benj. Lyon, & Ensign Collier goes to Cumberland, & is to draw his Money from Colo. Galbraith; Ensign Joseph Collier, Lancaster; all of the first Pennsylvania Reg't; & Recruiting orders were given them for the Counties annexed to their names respectively, and also Lieu. Sam'l Brady, of the 8th Pennsylvania Reg't, for Cumberland County.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer for the Recruiting service, vizt:

In favor of Lieu. John Hughes, of the 1st Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars.

In favor of Lieu. Samuel Brady, of the 1st Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars.

In favor of Lieu. John Dougherty, of the 1st Pennsylvania Reg't, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, (and his recruiting orders direct him to call on Col. Morgan, Lieu. of Berks County, for a further supply.)

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In favor of Lieu. Benja. Lyon, of the 1st Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars.

In favor of Jos. Collier, of the 1st Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to their respective accounts.

Also, in favor of Capt. James Wilson, of the 1st Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

In favor of Lieu. Arch'd Campbell, of the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Eight hundred Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to his account.

Passes granted to Sarah Bonsall, Wife of Rich'd Bonsall, & Mary Johnson.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday September 17, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

—— Mackay,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,	Thomas Urie, &	
James Edgar,	Jacob Arndt,	

Ordered, That Passes be made out for the Rev'd Alexander Murray & his Wife, & the Rev'd Tho's Barton & his Wife, and also a Pass into New York for Ann Enderton & her Children.

Col. —— mentions that Capt. Stiles informed him that two Shallop load of Tools & Stores, belonging to the State, had been delivered at Allentown, & that he understood that the Continental Quarter Master had received them as Continental Stores. Qur.

Petition of George Douglass, praying in effect, to be permitted to go to Scotland, was read;

And on consideration,

Ordered, That the Petition of George Douglass be not granted.

The Council resumed the Consideration of the case of Lieu. Joseph Wilson & John Lawrence, now under sentence of Death, & reprieved until this day; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Execution of the Sentence of Death passed upon Lieu. Joseph Wilson & upon John Lawrence, be suspended for fifteen days from this date.

The Petition of Eve Ieder & Esther Blackman, referred to this Council by the order of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, was now read; & the same being considered,

Ordered, That John Ralston & Peter Roads, Esq'rs, & Doctor —— Linn, of the County of Northampton, be directed to make

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enquiry into the circumstances of the said Eve Joder & Esther Blackman, & make report thereof to this Council, & that a Letter be wrote to them for this purpose.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday Septem. 18, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

——— Mackay, James Read,
Jonathan Hoge, Thomas Urie, & } Esq'rs.
James Edgar, Jacob Arndt,

The Hon'ble Vice President laid before the Council a draft of Congress, in the following words, Viz't:

"For 52,000 Dollars.

"PHILADELPHIA, Septem. 10, 1778.

"Sir:

"Pay to the Hon'ble the Delegates of the State of Pennsylvania, or their order, the Sum of Fifty-two Thousand Dollars, it being to be by them delivered to the President & Council of that State, for the Payment of Cloathing purchased for the Army, The said State to be accountable.

"I Am, sir, Your very humble serv't,
("Signed,) HENRY LAWRENS, President.

"To MICHAEL HILLEGAS, Esq'r, Continental Treasurer."

And the said draft was indorsed in the following words:

"Pay the Contents to the order of the Hon'ble Vice President & Council of the State of Pennsylvania, for the purposes therein mentioned.

("Signed by)
"ROBERT MORRIS,
"DANIEL ROBERDEAU,
"WM. CLINGAN."

He also laid before Council a Resolve of Congress, in the following words, Viz't:

"In Congress, September 17, 1778.

"*Resolved*, That Forty-eight Thousand Dollars, the residue of a Warrant for 300,000 Dollars, issued the 12th day of Feb'y last, in favor of the Delegates of the State of Pennsylvania, be now

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paid to the said Delegates, to be by them transmitted to the President & Council of the said State, & for which the said State is to be accountable.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y."

And the said order was endorsed in the following words, Viz't:

"Pay the within mentioned Sum to the order of the Hon'ble Vice President & Council, of the State of Pennsylvania.

"ROBERT MORRIS,
"DANIEL ROBERDEAU,
"WILL'M CLINGAN.

"To MICH'L HILLEGAS, Esquire, Continental Treasurer."

Ordered, That the before mentioned draft of Congress of the 10th instant, & the order of Congress of the 17th instant, the first for 48,000 Dollars, & the latter for the Sum of 52,000 Dollars, be ordered to be paid to Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Helstone, or his order, for the Sum of Eighty-three Pounds, for 83 bushels of Lime, for repairs to be done to the State House.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Parker, Bricklayer, or his order, for the Sum of Forty Pounds, to be Charged to his account.

The Council having received information that the Seventh Class of Militia lately called into service, will fall greatly short of the number of Men required for guards in this City; therefore,

Ordered, That the eighth Class of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia be called into service as soon as possible, His Excell'y Gen'l Washington having again requested that the regular Troops now in the City be sent forward to Camp.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday September 19, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

—— Mackay,
Jona. Hoge,
James Edgar,
Thomas Urie, &
Jacob Arndt,
} Esq'rs.

On consideration,

Ordered, That John Armstrong, of the County of Cumberland, Esq'r, Bernard Dougherty & James Martin, both of the County of

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Bedford, Esq'rs, Archibald McClean, of the County of York, Esq'r, & John Hubley of the County of Lancaster, Esq'r, be appointed & commissioned to try & determine, according to Law & the custom of this Commonwealth, a certain Henry Bunthunt, alias Henry Bunter, now confined in the Goal of the County of Bedford, Laborer, charged with having killed & murdered a certain Daniel Wencil, Son of a certain John Wencil, of the said County of Bedford.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William C. Bradford, Pay-master of the Fleet, or his order, for the Sum of three Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Passes to Ann Rankin, Wife of James Rankin, & to Mary Roxbury.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday September 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, —— Mackay, Jona. Hoge, Thomas Urie, James Edgar, James Read, & Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

Capt. Will'm Craig, of the 3d Pennsylvania Reg't, laid before the Council orders from Brig'r Gen'l Wayne, for his entering on the recruiting service, & thereupon recruiting Orders were given to Capt. William Craig, of the 3d Pennsylvania Reg't, to draw on Lieut. John Wentzell of the County of Northampton, for Money.

Ordered, That Mary McBean have a pass into the City of New York.

A Transcript of the Record of the Court of Oyer & Terminer and General goal delivery held at Chester, in & for the County of Chester, on Tuesday the fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy eight, being now read, it appears that James Fitzpatrick, late of the County of Chester, Blacksmith, was convicted, on his own confession, of Burglary & larceny, & thereupon the Justices of the said Court passed sentence that the said James Fitzpatrick be hanged by the neck 'till he be dead; And the said Record being now considered, it is

Ordered, That the Sentence of death passed upon James Fitzpatrick aforesaid, be executed on Saturday the 21st of this present Month, between the Hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon & 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the usual place of Execution; That a Warrant under the less Seal of the State, for the said purpose, be now issued, and the same was accordingly issued.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday September 22d, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar,
—— Mackay, James Read &
Jona. Hoge, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
Thomas Urie,

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, agreeable to Certificates signed by the Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, & laid before the Council, viz: One in favor of Henry Haller, one of the Commissioners for purchasing of Cloathing, or his order, for the Sum of Ten Thousand five Hundred & Seven Pounds & fifteen Shillings, to be charged to his account; One in favor of Robt. Craig, one of the said Commissioners, or his order, for the Sum of Nine Thousand three hundred & twelve Pounds one Shilling & two Pence, to be charged to his account; One in favor of James Johnston, one of the said Commissioners, or his order, for the Sum of Two Thousand five hundred & Eighty-eight Pounds, to be charged to his account; and one in favor of the said James Johnston for the Sum of One thousand Three hundred & forty-eight Pounds, to be by him delivered to William Chambers, one of the said commissioners, & the same to be charged to the said W'm Chambers.

The Council took into consideration the Petition of Maurice Lisk, a Private belonging to the Bull-dog Galley, setting forth that he is incapable of performing the duties required of him as a private of the said Galley; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Maurice Lisk be discharged from further service on board said Galley.

The Petition of Joseph Green, convicted of having gone into the City of Philadelphia while in the possession of the British Army, & fined Fifty Pounds, praying in effect to have the said fine remitted, was read & considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine laid by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Bucks, on Joseph Green, for having gone into the City of Philadelphia while in the possession of the British Army, be remitted, as to such part thereof as is due to the State.

The Secretary reports that Rob't Levers, Esq'r, had sent down twenty Casks of Indigo, belonging to the State, & that the same is now in his hands.

Ordered, That the Secretary do apply to Mr. Thomas Lawrence to sell the same, & to contract with him on the best terms he can as to the Commissions to be paid for selling the same.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Rob't Allison, or his order, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

Council having received informationthat James Fitzpatrick, now in the Goal of Chester, under sentence of Death, is making very violent efforts to make his escape, & there is reason to fear that he may effect the same;

On consideration,

Ordered, That the said James Fitzpatrick be brought to this City, and confined in the new Goal, and that

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Pass to Cath. Beck & Mary French.

N. B. Dr. Borkenhout says that a Mr. Wren, a dissenting Minister, at Portsmouth, deserves well of America for his kindness to prisoners in England.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday Septem. 24, 1778

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Edgar,
—— Mackay, James Read, &
Jona. Hoge, Jacob Arndt,
Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieut. Wm. Thompson, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That passes to New York be made out to Rach'l Burket & 3 Children, —— Lindsay & 3 Children, & Mary Hawthorne, not to return; Also, to Ruth Maxwell, conditionally.

On Motion,

Ordered, That the Treasurer Pay to the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President, or his order, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, in part of his Salary.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday Septem. 25, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jona. Hoge, Joseph Hart, James Edgar, James Arndt, & ——— Mackay, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Commodore John Hazlewood, to deliver to the Navy board of Congress, for Public Service, 6 Swivel Guns & two Cohorns, & Iron Shot in a quantity which the said board may judge to be Sufficient.

A Memorial from John Morris, Jun'r, Clerk of Assembly, setting forth that he has orders from the General Assembly to procure 300 printed Copies of the Acts of the first & second sittings of the first General Assembly of this Commonwealth, but having no directions to prefix the declaration of Independence and the Constitution, prays the advice of Council therein; whereupon Council recommend & instruct Mr. Morris to prefix said pieces to the Copies Aforesaid, as a proper introduction thereto; And he is also desired to get An impression of at least 300 Copies of the Laws now in force, enacted by the last Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, the same being, it is apprehended, out of Print, & not Sufficiently known.

Ordered, That a Dedimus Potestatem be issued, authorising & appointing the Hon'ble William Augustus Atlee, Esq'r, William Henry, Esq'r, & John Hubley, Esq'r, & either of them, to administer the Oaths or Affirmation, required by Law to qualify the respective Borough Officers elect of the Borough of Lancaster, & also all other the Officers Commissioned by this Council, saving always the administration of such oaths and affirmations as the laws of this State have directed to be otherwise taken.

Ordered, That Commodore Hazlewood be instructed to procure a quantity of Wood, necessary for the Gallies and Guard boats, on the best terms he can, either at Morris's River or elsewhere, on Delaware, & that he give orders to a prudent Officer to purchase the same.

Passes ordered:—Ann Wall, Wife of a British Soldier; Mary Smith, a Glazier's Wife; Catharine Trott, a Hessian Officer's Wife.

Ordered, That a Warrant be issued to remove the body of James Fitzpatrick from the Goal of the City of Philadelphia to the Goal of the County of Chester.

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The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday September 26, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jon'a Hoge, Jacob Arndt, &
Joseph Hart, —— Mackey, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Crispin, Commissary, or his order, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, & charge the same to his account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday September 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, —— Mackey,
Jon'a Hoge, James Read, & } Esq'rs.
James Edgar, Thomas Urie,
Jacob Arndt,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of *Tho's Nevill, or his order, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

The recommendation of the Justices of the County of Northampton of Stephen Kitchen, convicted of Felony in the said County of Northampton; and also the said Justices' recommendation of James Webster, Convicted of Felony, was read; and

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the Execution of the Sentence of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Northampton, against James Webster & against Stephen Kitchen, be suspended for & during twenty-one days from this day, in order that a more full account of the Charge against them, & the punishment ordered, may be had.

Passes to New York for Ann Spruce & 2 Children; 44th Regiment of Marines; Mary Cox, Wife of Capt Cox.

*He is employed in making Gun Carriages.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA Tuesday September 29, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
Jon'a Hoge,
James Edgar,
Jacob Arndt,
—— Mackay,
James Read, &
Thomas Urie,
} Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble James Edgar, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to be charged to Mr. William Morrison, Commissioner of Cloathing for the County of York, for which sum the said William Morrison is to account, the same to be deliv'ed to him by the Hon'ble James Edgar, Esq'r.

Lieu. Henry Piercy, of the 2d Pennsylvania Reg't, having been some time in the Recruiting Service, & a Considerable Sum appearing to be due to him, recruiting instructions was given to him to enter on that Service in the County of Chester, to receive from the Lieutenant of the said County of Chester the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars, for which Sum he is to account.

The Secretary laid before the Council a Letter from the board of War, requesting the loan of the Plan of the Delaware, in the hands of Mr. Rittenhouse, for a day or two, in order that Colo. Lamey may take a Copy of such part of it as may be useful in executing Gen'l Washington's orders to him.

Ordered, That the Secretary apply to Mr. Rittenhouse & procure from him the Draft of the River Delaware, & lend it to the board of War for a few days, in order that Colo. Lamey may take a copy of such parts of it as may be useful in executing the orders of his Excell'y Gen'l Washington.

The Council being informed by the Attorney General that the Estate of Traitors, held in right of their Wives during Coverture, & by courtesy, is forfeited by Acts of Treason; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Agents for seizing of forfeited Estates, be instructed to seize such Estates, in the respective Counties, as belong to Traitors in right of their Wives, the same being deemed to be forfeited to the State, so far as such Traitors have Title during Coverture, or in right of Courtesy.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Septem. 30, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jon'a Hoge, James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, —— Mackay, James Read, & Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

Philp Boehm, Esq'r, attended the Council, & represented that he had accepted the Commission of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia, & the Commission appointing him one of the Justices of the City Court, from a desire to render his Country the assistance which it was in his power to give during a time of difficulty; but he now finds that his health is so greatly impaired as to render it impossible for him to discharge the duties thereof, & therefore he now resigns his said Offices.

James Young, Esq'r, attended & laid before the Council the requisitions from the Quarter Master General's department for 800 Waggons, & expressed his apprehensions that it would be extremely difficult to obtain them.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William C. Bradford, Paymaster of the State Fleet, or his order, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday October 1, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jona. Hoge, James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, ——— Mackay, James Read, & Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

The Council resumed the consideration of the demand made by the Quarter Master General of Eight hundred Waggons, besides what are now employed for the United States, and observing with astonishment, that it is but a few Weeks since a like demand was made for 800 Waggons, which were impressed with great severity & irregularity, & that the whole Waggon Service to the Westward falls on this State, at a time when the Country is drained of Horses, and our Waggons very generally disabled, distroyed, or carried off

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by the Enemy; and considering also, that the Waggons of this State are taken into other States at a great distance; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the Delegates of Pennsylvania be instructed to remonstrate to Congress against the drawing out so great a number of Waggons & Horses, & thereby throwing so great an over proportion of this heavy & distressing service on Pennsylvania.

Robert Wilson, of Chester County, layed before Council a petition addressed by him to the Hon'ble Congress, praying reimbursement for a Waggon and four Horses, taken by the Enemy on his return from the Military Service, & informed Council, that he understood that objection had been made thereto in Congress, as though the Petitioner were entitled to recompence of his loss from this State, & might already have been relieved, or would be relieved, out of the Monies of Pennsylvania, & prayed the advice of this Board in the Premises.

Council thereupon declares, that as the inhabitants of this State have been exceedingly distressed by furnishing a great over proportion of Carriages for the Service of the United States at an under rate, it would be highly unreasonable that this State should sustain the damages arising by the Loss of them, & that no such idea was ever entertained as the said objection states, and Consequently no Fund provided for the purpose.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday October 2, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, ——— Mackay, James Read, & Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.
Jona. Hoge,
James Edgar,
Jacob Arndt,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Matt'w Boyd, one of the Commissioners for purchasing of Cloathing for Congress in the County of Chester, or his order, for the Sum of Five Thousand & two hundred Pounds, to be charged to the account of the said Robert Boyd.

Information was now received that Thomas Boyd, Waggon Master of the County of Chester, is lately deceased; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Colo. Andrew Boyd, of Sadsbury, be appointed Waggon Master of the County of Chester.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday October 3d, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jona. Hoge, James Edgar, Jacob Arndt, ——— Mackay, James Read, & Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Parker, Bricklayer, for the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be charged to account of the said Parker.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday October 5, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jona. Hoge, ——— Mackay, James Edgar, James Read, & Tho's Urie, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Tho's Cobourn,* or his order, for the Sum of Eleven Pounds & Ten Shillings, for attending the Flag at Chester, from the 4th of July, 1777, to the 13th of September, 1777.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major William Armstrong, Paymaster at Billingsport, or his order, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That it be recommended to Capt. Stiles to take possession of the old Workhouse, for the purpose of Casting Ball, &ca., as soon as the guard now there shall be removed, and that he take possession of, & fit up the long room in the State House for a Magazine of small Arms.

Petition of John Linington, Praying to be appointed Measurer of Salt, Wheat, &ca., was read, & ordered to lie on the Table.

* There is in the hands of Mr. Cobourn a Flag, Spy Glass, Powder-horn, Ram-rod, Worms, Priming Wire & Bitt.

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The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday October 6, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jona. Hoge, James Read, &
——— Mackay, Tho's Urie, } Esq'rs.
James Edgar,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Sam'l Dewees, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Three hundred & Forty-Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Ten Pence, money due to Robert Stewart, one of the Commissioners for purchasing Cloathing in Bucks County for Congress, to be charged to account of the said Robert Stewart.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Crispin, Commissary, or his order, for the sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Recruiting orders were given to Lieut. John Hambright, of the 10th Pennsylvania Reg't, to recruit in the County of Lancaster, & to call on the Lieut. of the said County for Cash for that service.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieuten't Philip Gibbons of the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Three hundred & fifty Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm C. Bradford, Pay-Master of the State Fleet, or his order, for the Sum of Three hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday October 7, 1778.

PRESENT:

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble James Edgar, Esq'r, for the Sum of Four Hundred & Twenty-five Pounds & Ten Shillings, balance due to him for his attendance in Council Two hundred & Eighty-four days, & Mileage twice on seventy-four Miles, Vizt:

252 days a 35s,		£441 00
32 days a 45s,		72 00
74 days twice 296 Miles a 10d.		12 10
		525 10
	Draft for	100 00
	Balance.	£425 10

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Mackay, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds Eighteen shillings & four Pence, balance due to him for his attendance in Council One hundred and eighty-three days, & Mileage once to Lancaster Thirty-six Miles, & to Philadelphia Fifty Miles, to Wit:

150 days a 35s,	£262 10 0
33 days a 45s,	74 5 0
172 Miles a 10d.	7 3 4
	343 18 4
Draft for 200 Dollars in June,	75 00 0
Balance.	£268 18 4

Capt. Houston attended in Council & represented that he had performed the Cruise in the Brig Convention, according to the orders of Council, & that he had taken several Prizes, which are not condemned.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of George Graff, one of the Commissioners for purchasing of Cloathing in the County of Northampton, for Congress, for the Sum of Three hundred & Ninety-four Pounds Nineteen Shillings & Eight Pence, agreeable to the Certificate given him by the Committee of General Assembly.

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday October 8, 1778.

PRESENT:

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday October 9, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jona. Hoge, James Read, Jacob Arndt, & Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

Col. Knox & Capt. Blewer attended the Council, & laid before them an account of the expenditure in fitting out the Brig Convention, of the Sum of £2,300 put into their hands, & they paid

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into the hands of the Secretary the Sum of £147 18 11, which is the balance of the account as rendered by them.

Ordered, That the account rendered by Col. Knox & Capt. Bleuer, be put into the hands of the Committee of Assembly for settling of Accounts, as soon as the Gentlemen above named shall render their Vouchers.

Mr. Benjamin Rittenhouse & Peter Dehaven attended the Council, & represented that the Pay allowed to the Clerk of the Gun Factory, Gun Stockers, &c., is insufficient, & request the attention of Council to this business.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Dehaven, or his order, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That a Pass to New York be given to Dav'd Shaffer, the younger, on business of importance to himself, he being a good Whig.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Cha's McHenry, of the 5th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred & fifty Dollars, for the recruiting service, for which Sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday October 10, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jon'a Hoge, James Read, Jacob Arndt, & Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Carr, one of the Commissioners for purchasing of Cloathing for Congress, in the County of Bucks, or his order, for the Sum of Two hundred & fifteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings & one Penny, agreeable to a Certificate signed by the Committee of Assembly.

Application was made to Council for permission to Mrs. Marg't De Lancy to visit her father, the Hon'ble William Allen, Esq'r, of the City of Philadelphia.

Ordered, That a permit be made out for Mrs. Marg't De Lancy to come into Philadelphia with her small Children, & to reside there if she shall think proper.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Dav'd Kennedy, one of the Commissioners for purchasing of Cloathing in the County of York for Congress, or his order, for the Sum of Two thousand five hundred & fifty Pounds, to be charged to his account.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday October 12, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.
Jon'a Hoge,
James Read,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Crispin, Commissary, or his order, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

A Letter from the Hon'ble Joseph Reed, Esq'r, wherein he resigns his seat in Congress as a Delegate of the State of Pennsylvania.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Jon'a Hoge, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred & fifteen Pounds & five Shillings, for his attendance in Council, Viz't:

For a deficiency of 10s P day on 53 days attendance before the meeting of Council in March, 1776, for which he had a draft for 15s p day instead of 25s p day,	£26 10
For a deficiency in his draft in November last of 10s p day on 26 days,	13 00
For his attendance in Council 149 days, a 35s,	260 15
42 days, a 45s,	94 10
Mileage Three times from Lancaster, a 45 Miles, once from Philadelphia, 111, equal to 492 Miles, a 10d,	20 10
	£415 5

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, Door-keeper, or his order, for the Sum of One hundred & Thirty-three Pounds Seventeen Shillings & three Pence, for his attendance at the Door 128 days, ending this day, a 20s, & for sundry small expences paid by him.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday October 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday October 15, 1778.

PRESENT.

Hon'ble Joseph Hart, Jonathan Hoge, Jacob Arndt, & Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday October 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Tho's Urie, } Esq'rs.

The Council being informed that the British Commissioners have an intention of sending a Flag to this State by water, & as it may be attended with many disadvantages to permit the Vessel which may bring the Flag to come up to this City,

Ordered, That Commodore Haslewood do immediately send two Gallies down the River as far as the Town of Newcastle upon Delaware, & there stop & detain such Vessel as may appear with a Flag, until further orders, & that he thereupon send one of the Gallies or a guard boat up to give information to Council of his proceeding herein.

Permission to Mrs. Yard to return to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Yorke & Mr. Sewell the Younger.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday October 17, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, & Tho's Urie, } Esq'rs.

Returns of the Election for the Counties of Philadelphia, Bucks & Berks, Viz't:

For the County of Philadelphia—Councellor, Joseph Reed, Esq'r; Sheriffs, James Claypoole & Christopher Ludwig; Coroners, Robert Jewell & William Moulder.

For the County of Bucks—

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For the County of Berks—Councellor, James Read, Esq'r, Sheriffs, Henry Haffa & Philip Creamer; Coroners, James Whitehead & John Spohn.

Robt. Smith, Esq'r, Sheriff of the County of Chester, presented a return of the Election of the said County; and Col. Taylor & others also presented a return of the Election of the said County of Chester, in opposition to the return given in by the Sheriff.

The Council taking into Consideration the return of Sheriffs & Coroners for the County of Bucks,

Ordered, That John Thompson, Esq'r, be appointed Sheriff of the County of Bucks, and Will'm Hart, Coroner; and that they respectively be Commissioned accordingly.

John Thompson, Esq'r, offering to the Council John Wilkinson & Gerardus Wynkoop as Securities for the faithful performance of his duty as Sheriff, the same are approved of.

Caleb Davis, Esq'r, Prothonotary of the County of Chester, appeared in Council & informed that Charles Dilworth, one of the Sheriffs Elect, now attended & prayed to be Commissioned as Sheriff of the said County; & that he, the said Dillworth, offered Col. John Hannum & Col. Taylor as security for the faithful discharge of the Office of Sheriff; & the said Davis, as Prothonotary, informed the Council the said Surety was in his opinion good & sufficient.

Council received a Resolve of Congress, dated the 16th inst., relating to an attempt of the Commissioners of the King of Great Britain to spread seditious Papers under the sanction of a Flag; & the same being read,

Ordered, That agreeable to a Resolve of Congress of the 16th instant, Commodore Haslewood be directed to send immediate orders to the officer commanding the Gallies now down the River, to take up & secure in safe & close custody all & every person & persons who, under the sanction of a Flag, or otherwise, may be considered or engaged to bring certain Seditious papers, under the name and title of Manifestoes, & to bring them, with their Vessels, to this City, and report the same to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday October 19, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Tho's Urie, & John Mackay, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Herman Stout, of the 10th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum

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of Six Hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

Return of the Elections for the County of Northampton being read,

On consideration,

Ordered, That Jonas Hartzel, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the County of Northampton, & that he be Commissioned accordingly. James Hartzel, Esq'r, proposes Peter Sipe & Jacob Hartzel, as Sureties for the faithful performance of his office as Sheriff of the said County; & the Council approve of the same.

Ordered, That Philip Boehm be appointed Coroner of the County of Northampton, & Commissioned accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Mr. Thomas Nevill, or his order, for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The intelligence from the City of New York, lately received, leaving no room to doubt that they are about to make some important movement,

Ordered, That Major Gen'l Armstrong be directed to repair immediately to this City, to take upon him the Command of the Militia, in case of an invasion.

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the Counties of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks, & Lancaster, & of the City of Philadelphia, be ordered to hold the Militia of their respective Counties in readiness to March at the Shortest notice, Vis:

Philadelphia County 8; Bucks 3; Chester 8; Lancaster 2; Berks 2; Philadelphia city 2.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the County of Northampton be empowered & ordered to draw out two Classes of the Militia of the said County, in case of attack by the Indians.

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to send William Henry, Esq'r, of Lancaster, the Quarter Master's Certificates paid into the Treasury by Colo. Bartram Galbraith, and that Mr. Henry be requested to call on the Deputy Quarter Master in that Burrough for Payment thereof; the Money, when received, to be by him paid into the Treasury; And if any difficulty should arise in consequence of the said certificates being assigned to Colonel Galbraith, that Mr. Henry call on Colo. Galbraith for his assistance in recovering the same.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday October 20, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Urie, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Mackay,
Jacob Arndt,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Will'm Armstrong, Paymaster at Billingsport, or his order, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Little, for the Sum of Four Pounds Seven Shillings & Six Pence, for work done on board the Brig Convention.

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday October 20, 1778, P. M.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Thos. Urie, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Mackay,
Jacob Arndt,

The return of the Sheriffs elect for Berks County being read & considered, Henry Haffa is appointed Sheriff of said County for the ensuing Year. Henry Haffa offers for his securities for the faithful performance of the Office of Sheriff of the County of Berks, Jacob Shoemaker, Esq'r, & Daniel Hunter, of Oley, Husbandman; and they are approved of by Council.

The return of the Coroners elect for Berks County being read and considered, James Whitehead, Esq'r, is appointed Coroner of said County for the ensuing year.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday October 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Tho's Urie, &
John Mackay, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

Return of Election for the County of York by the Sheriff, & another by several of the Judges.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That James Claypoole, Esq'r, be appointed Sheriff of the City & County of Philadelphia, and that Robert Jewell be appointed Coroner of the said City & County, and that they respectively be Commissioned accordingly.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That William Rowan, Esq'r, be appointed Sheriff of the County of York, & that he be Commissioned accordingly.

William Rowan offers John Finley & Matthew McCall as sureties for his faithful performance of the duties of his Office as Sheriff of the County of York, & the same are approved of.

The Council took into Consideration the Election for Justices in the district of New Providence, Limerick, Perkiomen, and Skippack Townships; and thereupon,

Ordered, That David Kennedy be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia.

Everhart Michael, one of the Agents for Seizing of forfeited Estates, being lately deceased;

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Charles Hall, of the Borough of Lancaster, Silversmith, be appointed one of the Agents for Seizing of forfeited Estates in the County of Lancaster.

A Pass to Mrs. —— Ross & her Children, Mrs. ————, Mrs. Anne Grimes.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday October 22, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Tho's Urie, &
John Mackay, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Philip Boehm, Paymaster of Militia of the County of Northampton, or his order, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, for the purpose of Paying the Militia, & to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That Friday the Sixth day of November next, be appointed to hear the Claims of the parties concerned in taking James Fitzpatrick, the noted Robber lately executed at Chester.

That the reward of One thousand Dollars may be paid, according to the Proclamation of the Council in that case.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday October 23, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Tho's Urie, &
John Mackay, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

The Council took into consideration the Case of John Roberts and Abram Carlisle, now under sentence of death, & the transcripts of their Conviction being read, & also divers Petitions on their behalf being read & considered, Viz:

"*Philadelphia County ss.*

"*Be it remembered*, That at a Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal delivery, held at Philadelphia, for the County of Philadelphia, the Twenty-first day of September, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, before the Hon'ble Thomas McKean, William Augustus Atlee & John Evans, Esq'rs, Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania, & Justices assigned by Letters Patent of the President and Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, under the great Seal of the said State, made to them, the aforesaid Justices, or any two of them, to enquire fully, by the Oath & Affirmation of good & law-

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ful Men of the County aforesaid, by whom the truth of the matter might be the better known, of Treasons, Murders, & such other Crimes as by the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are made Capital or felonies of Death, & to hear and determine the said treasons, & other the Premises, according to Law, & to deliver the Goal of the said County of all the Prisoners in the same Goal, being by the Oath of James Young, Esq'r, John Moore, Esq'r, Plunket Fleeson, Esq'r, Seth Quee, Esq'r, James Hunter, Esq'r, Robert Curry, Jacob Laughlan, David Snyder, Rudolph Heff, William Ball, Joseph Dean, Francis Hassenclever, John Purviance, Benja. Loxley, John Dorsey, & Thomas Cuthbert, & by the Solemn Affirmation of Zebulon Potts, Esq'r, & Thomas Pryor, good & lawful Men of the County aforesaid, impannelled, sworn, affirmed and charged to enquire for the said Commonwealth, & the Body of the said County:

"It is presented, That John Roberts, late of the County of Philadelphia, Miller, being an inhabitant of & belonging to & residing within the State of Pennsylvania, and under the protection of its Laws, & owing Allegiance to the same State, as a false Traitor against the same, not having the fear of God before his Eyes, but being moved & seduced by the instigation of the Devil, the fidelity which to the same State he owed, wholly withdrawing, & with all his might intending the Peace and tranquility of this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to disturb, & War & Rebellion against the same to raise & move, & the Government & Independence thereof, as by Law established, to subvert, & to raise again & restore the Government & Tyranny of the King of Great Britain within the same Commonwealth, on the first day of January, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Seventy-eight, & at divers days & times, as well before as after, at the City of Philadelphia, in the County aforesaid, maliciously & traiterously, with a great number of Traitors & Rebels, whose names are as yet unknown to the Jurors, being armed & arrayed in a hostile manner, with force & Arms, did falsely & traiterously assemble & join himself against this Commonwealth, & then & there with force & Arms, did falsly & traiterously, & in a Warlike & hostile manner, array & dispose himself against this Commonwealth, & then and there, with force and Arms, in pursuance and execution of such his wicked & traiterous intentions and purposes aforesaid, did falsly and traiterously prepare, order, wage and levy a public and cruel war against this Commonwealth, then and there committing and perpetrating a miserable and Cruel slaughter of and amongst the faithful and Leige subjects and inhabitants thereof, and then and there did, with force and Arms, falsly and traiterously aid and assist the King of Britain, being an Enemy at open War against this State, by joining his Armies, to Wit; his army under the Command of Gen'l Sir William Howe, then actually invading this State, and by serving the same Army as a Guide, and by inlisting and by procuring and pro-

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exading others to enlist for that purpose, and then and there maliciously and traiterously, with divers other Traitors, to the Jurors unknown, with force and Arms did combine, plot and conspire to betray this State, and the United States of America, into the hands and power of the King of Great Britain, being an Enemy, at open War against the same, and then and there did with force and Arms maliciously and traiterously give and send intelligence to the same Enemies for that purpose, against the duty of his allegiance, against the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and against the Peace and Dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

"Whereupon, the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, is Commanded that he take the said John Roberts, if he may be found in his Balliwick, & him Safely keep, to answer to the Treason whereof he stands indicted; And afterwards, to Wit: at the same delivery of the Goal of the County aforesaid, before the said Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, on the Thirtieth day of September, in the Year aforesaid, here cometh the said John Roberts, under the Custody of James Claypoole, Esq'r, Sheriff of the County aforesaid, (in whose Custody in the Goal of the County aforesaid, for the Cause aforesaid, he had been before Committed,) being brought to the Bar here in his proper person, by the said Sheriff, to whom he is here also Committed; And forthwith being demanded concerning the Premises in the said Indictment, how he will acquit himself thereof; he saith that he is not guilty thereof, & thereof for good & Evil he puts himself upon the Country; And Jonathan Dickinson Serjeant, who prosecutes for the Commonwealth aforesaid, in this behalf, doth the like; therefore let a Jury thereupon come here immediately, before the said Justices of the said Supreme Court, by whom the truth of the matter may be the better known, and who are of no affinity to the said John Roberts, to recognize upon their Oath whether the said John Roberts be guilty of the Treason in the Indictment aforesaid above specified, or not guilty; because, as well the said Jonathan Dickinson Serjeant, who prosecutes for the said Commonwealth in this behalf, as the said John Roberts, have put themselves upon that Jury; And the Jurers of the said Jury, by the said Sheriff for this purpose impanelled and returned, to Wit: William Adcock, Isaac Powell, David Pancoast, John Steinmeitz, Andrew Forsyth, Andrew Burkhard, John McNeal, William Rigden, John Drinker, James Hood, James Barns & Thomas Corgee, being called, come, who being elected, tried, sworn & affirmed to speak the truth of & concerning the Premises, upon their Oaths & Affirmations respectively, do Say: That the said John Roberts is guilty of the Treason aforesaid on him above charged, in form aforesaid, as by the Indictment aforesaid is above supposed against him, & that the said John Roberts, at the time of the committing of the said Treason, or at any time since to this time, had not nor hath any Goods or Chattles, Lands or Tenements, to the

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knowledge of the said Jurors; And upon this it is forthwith demanded of the said John Roberts if he hath or knoweth any thing to say, wherefore the said Justices here ought not, upon the Premisses & verdict aforesaid, to proceed to judgment; who nothing further saith unless as he before had said; Whereupon, all & singular the Premises, being seen, & by the said Justices here fully understood, It is considered by the Court here that the said John Roberts be hanged by the Neck 'till he be dead!

"A true Transcript of the Record.

(Signed.)—"EDW. BURD, Cl. Cur."

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"*Philadelphia County, ss.*

"Be it remembered, That at a Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal delivery, held at Philadelphia for the County of Philadelphia, the Twenty-first day of September, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-eight, before the Hon'ble Thomas M'Kean, William Augustus Atlee & John Evans, Esq'rs, Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania, & Justices assigned by Letters Patent of the President & Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, under the great Seal of the said State, made to them, the aforesaid Justices, or any two of them, to enquire fully, by the Oath & Affirmation of good & lawful Men of the County aforesaid, by whom the truth of the Matter might be the better known, of all Treasons, Murders, and such other Crimes as by the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are made Capital, or Felonies of Death, and to hear and determine the said Treasons, and other the Premises, according to Law, and to deliver the Goal of the said County of all the Prisoners in the said Goal; being by the Oath of James Young, Esq'r, John Moore, Esq'r, Plunket Fleeson, Esq'r, Seth Quee, Esq'r, James Hunter, Rob't Curry, Jacob Laughlin, David Snyder, Rudolph Neff, William Ball, Joseph Dean, Francis Hassenclever, John Purviance, Benjamin Loxley, John Dorsey, & Thomas Cuthbert, and by the solemn Affirmation of Zebulon Potts, Esq'r, & Thomas Pryor, good & lawful Men of the County aforesaid, impanelled, sworn, affirmed & charged to enquire for the said Commonwealth & the body of the said County: It is presented, That Abraham Carlisle, late of the City of Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, Carpenter, being an inhabitant of, & belonging to & residing within the State of Pennsylvania, & under the protection of the Laws, & owing Allegiance to the same State, as a false Traitor against the same, not having the fear of God before his eyes, but being moved & seduced by the instigation of the Devil, the fidelity which to the same State he owed wholly withdrawing, & with all his might intending the peace & tranquillity of this Commonwealth of

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Pennsylvania to disturb, & War & Rebellion against the same to raise & move, & the Government & Independence thereof, as by law established, to subvert & to raise again & restore the Government and Tyranny of the King of Great Britain within the same Commonwealth, on the first day of January, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-Eight, & at divers days & times, as well before as after, at the City of Philadelphia, in the County aforesaid, with force & Arms, did falsly & traiterously take a Commission or Commissions from the King of Great Britain, & then & there, with force & Arms, did falsly & traiterously, also take a Commission or Commissions from Gen'l Sir William Howe, then & there acting under the said King of Great Britain, & under the authority of the same King, to-Wit: a Commission to watch over & guard the Gates of the City of Philadelphia, by the said Sir William Howe erected & set up, for the end & purpose of keeping & maintaining the possession of the said City, & of shutting out & excluding the faithful & liege inhabitants & Subjects of this State & of the United States, from the same City, & then & there also maliciously & traiterously, with a great multitude of Traitors & Rebels against the said Commonwealth, (whose names are as yet unknown to the Jurors,) being armed & arrayed in a Hostile manner, with force and Arms, did falsly & traiterously assemble & join himself against this Commonwealth, & then & there, with force & Arms, did falsly & traiterously, & in a Warlike & Hostile manner, array & dispose himself against the said Commonwealth, & then & there, in pursuance and execution of such his wicked & traiterously intentions & purposes aforesaid, did falsly & traiterously prepare, order, wage and levy a public and cruel War against the said Commonwealth, then and there committing and perpetrating a miserable and cruel Slaughter of and amongst the faithful and liege inhabitants thereof, and then and there did, with force and Arms, falsly and traiterously aid and assist the King of Great Britain, being an Enemy, at open War against this State; by joining his Armies, to-Wit: His Army under the Command of Gen'l Sir William Howe, then actually invading this State, and then and there maliciously and traiterously, (with divers other Traitors, to the Jurors aforesaid unknown,) with force and Arms did combine, plot and conspire to betray this State and the United States of America into the hands and power of the King of Great Britain, being a foreign Enemy to this State and the United States of America, at open War against the same, and then and there did, with force and Arms, maliciously and traiterously did give and send intelligence to the same Enemies for that purpose, against the duty of his Allegiance, against the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and against the Peace and Dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"Whereupon, the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, is commanded that he take the said Abrahams Carlisle, if he may be found in his

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Bailiwick, & him safely keep, to answer to the Treasons whereof he stands indicted; And afterwards, to Wit: at the same delivery of the Gaol of the County aforesaid, before the said Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, on the Twenty-fifth day of September, in the Year aforesaid, here cometh the said Abraham Carlisle, under the Custody of James Claypoole, Esq'r, Sheriff of the County aforesaid, (in whose Custody, in the Gaol of the County aforesaid, for the cause aforesaid, he had been before Committed,) being brought to the Bar here in his proper person, by the said Sheriff, to whom he is here also Committed; And forthwith being demanded concerning the Premisses in the said Indictment above specified & charged upon him, how he will acquit himself thereof: he saith, 'that he is not guilty thereof, & thereof for Good & evil, he puts himself upon the Country.' And Jonathan Dickinson, Sergeant, who prosecutes for the said Commonwealth in this behalf, doth the like. Therefore, let a Jury thereupon come here immediately before the said Justices of the said Supreme Court, by whom the truth of the matter may be better known, & who are of no affinity to the said Abraham Carlisle, to recognise upon their Oath, whether the said Abraham Carlisle be guilty of the Treason in the Indictment aforesaid above specified, or not guilty, because as well the said Jonathan Dickinson, Sergeant, who prosecutes for the said Commonwealth in this behalf, as the said Abraham Carlisle, have put themselves upon the said Jury. And the Jurors of the said Jury by the said Sheriff for this purpose impanelled & returned, to Wit: John Palmer, John Lynn, Isaac Powell, Cadwalader Dickinson, Philip Clumberg, Thomas Shields, Jacob Urie, David Rees, Thomas Goucher, Thomas Palmer, John Drinker, & Matthew Jackson, being called, come, who being elected, tried, sworn & affirmed to speak the truth of & concerning the Premises, upon their Oath & Affirmation, respectively do say: 'That the said Abraham Carlisle is guilty of the Treason aforesaid on him above charged, in form aforesaid, as by the Indictment aforesaid is above supposed against him; And that the said Abraham Carlisle, at the time come the committing the said Treason, or at any time since to this time, had not nor hath any Goods or Chattles, Lands or Tenements, to the knowledge of the said Jurors.' And upon this it is forthwith demanded of the said Abraham Carlisle, if he hath or knoweth any to say, wherefore the said Justices here ought not, upon the Premises and Verdict aforesaid, proceed to Judgment; who nothing further saith, unless as he before had said. Whereupon, all & singular, the Premises being seen, & by the said Justices here fully understood, It is considered by the Court here that the said Abraham Carlisle be hanged by the Neck 'till he be dead.

"A true Transcript of the Record.

("Signed,)

"ED'W BURD, Cl. C'ur."

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Ordered, That John Roberts & Abram Carlisle be, agreeable to the sentence of the Court, executed on Wednesday the fourth day of November next, & that a Warrant be issued for this purpose accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday October 24, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Tho's Urie, & John Mackay, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.

The Council took into consideration the return of the election for the County of Lancaster:

On consideration,

Ordered, That William Kelley, Esq'r, be appointed Sheriff of the County of Lancaster, & that Jacob Bailey be appointed Coroner of the said County, and that they respectively be Commissioned accordingly.

William Kelly proposes James Anderson & James Anderson, jun., as Sureties for his faithful performance of the duties of his Office as Sheriff of the County of Lancaster, & the same are approved of by Council.

An order was drawn on Capt. Joseph Stiles in favor of Mr. Peter Dehaven, for One Hundred Gun Locks, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, Door-keeper, for the Sum of One hundred & Thirty-five Pounds four Shillings & Six Pence, for nine Cords of best Hickory Wood, for the use of the Council, at fourteen Pounds P Cord, and other expences of Cording, measuring, & hauling the same.

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday October 26, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Thomas Urie, & Jos. Hart, John Hambright, } Esq'rs. Jacob Arndt,

William Rush, Tho's Franklin, Col. Jos. Copperthwaite, Rob't Parrish, & Jos. Morse, attended the Council & presented and read

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the Petition of divers inhabitants of the City & County of Philadelphia, in behalf of Abraham Carlisle, now under Sentence of Death for High Treason, Praying that Council will be pleased to suspend the execution of the Sentence until a meeting of the Assembly, &ca.

Passes to New York—Mrs. Chalmers & Mrs. (R.) Willing.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Jacob S. Howell be directed to send the Cloathing now in his Possession to the Camp of his Excell'y Gen'l Washington, that the same may be there distributed, where the wants of the whole of the Militia & of each individual is known, & that none be delivered in this City excepting to Recruits going to Camp

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The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday October 27, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, Thomas Urie, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.

The three following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz.:

One in favor of Peter Dehaven, or his order, for the sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

One in favor of Commodore John Hazlewood, or his order, for the sum of Two hundred & Eighty-Seven Pounds & ten Shillings, for the purchasing of Wood for Council & the House of Assembly; and

One in favor of William Allison, or his order, for the sum of Two hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Divers Petitions in favor of John Roberts were read.

The Council taking into consideration that Gunning Bedford, lately appointed Measurer of Grain & Salt in the Port of Philadelphia, hath not taken the Oath of Allegiance to the State within the time appointed for that purpose by Law, & that he is therefore not capable of holding the said Office; thereupon,

Ordered, That Capt. William Greenway be appointed Measurer of Wheat & other Grain, & Salt, in the Port of Philadelphia, & that he be Commissioned accordingly, to Continue until otherwise ordered by this Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Dundas, or his order, for the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to Pay off the Workmen employed last year at Billingsport, and to be charged to his account.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Octo. 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Thomas Urie, &,
Jos. Hart, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

A return of the Election for the County of Bedford, to Wit:
Sheriffs—Thomas Coulter & Francis Clugage.
Coroners—Cornelius McAuley & Robert Eliot.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Thomas Coulter be appointed Sheriff of the County of Bedford, & that he be Commissioned accordingly.

Ordered, That Cornelius McAuley be appointed Coroner of the County of Bedford, & that he be Commissioned accordingly.

A Record of conviction of Henry Bunthurst, alias Bunter, of the Murder of Dan'l Wensel, before a special Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at Bedford for the County of Bedford, the 21st day of September, 1778, was read.

Thomas Coulter offers Henry Rhoads, Gideon Richey, and Henry Didier, of the County of Bedford, as sureties for his faithful performance of the duties of his Office, & the same are approved of.

Col. George Smith, one of the Agents for seizing the forfeited Estates in the County of Philadelphia, reports that John Freese, of the County of Bucks, has discovered a Horse belonging to John Wright of Philadelphia County, & that the Horse was sold for Seventy One Pounds.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Col. George Smith be directed to Pay to John Freese the One fourth part of the value of the Horse belonging to John Wright, discovered by the said Freese.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday October 29, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Thomas Urie, &
Jos. Hart, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

& also, Thomas Scott, Esq'r, now returned for Westmoreland County.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major Will'm Armstrong, Pay-master at Billingsport, or order, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged in his account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Henry Bunthunt, alias Bunter, now under sentence of Death, be executed on Saturday the fourteenth day of November next, at the usual place of execution, between the hours of Ten o'clock in the forenoon & Two of the Clock in the afternoon, & that a Warrant be issued to the Sheriff of the county of Bedford for the said purpose.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Philip Gibbons, of the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of three hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting Service.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. John Pearson, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of two Thousand Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, to be charged to his account.

The return of the Election for the County of Cumberland was read.

On consideration,

Ordered, That James Johnson be appointed sheriff of the county of Cumberland, & that he be commissioned accordingly.

James Johnson, Esq'r, offers John Boggs, Sam'l Finley, and John Johnson, of the County of Cumberland, as sureties for the faithful performance of his office as sheriff of the said county, & the same is approved of.

Ordered, That Will'm Rippey be appointed Coroner of the County of Cumberland, & that he be Commissioned accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday October 30, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackey,	Thomas Urie,	} Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,	John Hambright, &	
Jacob Arndt,	Thomas Scott,	

The Petitions of Stephen Kitchin, a lad of Nineteen years of Age, convicted of theft in the County of Northampton, & sentenced to be Whipped, & of James Webster, of the said county, also convicted & sentenced by the said court, were read; &

On consideration,

Ordered, That the sentence of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Northampton against Stephen Kitchen be remitted, so far as relates to the Corporal Punishment.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Leonard Lesher, for the Sum of Twelve Pounds & ten shillings, for riding Express.

The following Proclamation for Traitors to appear and take their Trial, was issued, Vizt:

"*Pennsylvania ss.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

"*Whereas*, The following named persons, late and heretofore inhabitants of this State, that is to say: William Ross, Cordwainer, in Walnut Street; Robert White, Merchant and Mariner; Rich'd Palmer, Cabinet-maker; William Marshall, Pilot; John Burd, Butcher; John Colston, Stocking-weaver; William Evans and Joseph Evans, Carpenters; Alexander Smith, Blacksmith; James Warrell, Brewer: Dav'd Jones, Tavern-keeper and Constable; Hudson Burr, Hatter; John Burkett, Waterman; William Drewitt Smith, Druggist; and Alexa. Stedman, Esq'r, all now or late of the City of Philadelphia: And Thomas Green and Thomas Silkod, Yeomen, both now or late of the Township of Hatfield; and John Loughborough, Blacksmith; Joseph Comely, Yeoman; and John Burke, Taylor; all now or late of the Manor of Moreland, all now or late of the County of Philadelphia: And Uriah Hughes, junior, Yeoman; now or late of the Township of Buckingham; & David Burge, Blacksmith; & Courtland Todd, Miller; both now or late of the Township of Solebury; & Joseph Kennard, Laborer; now or late of the Township; & Isaac Hutchinson, Thomas Hutchinson, & Marmaduke Hutchinson, Yeomen; all now or late of the Township of Newbritain; And Edward Jones & Jonathan Jones, Yeomen; and Enoch Morris, Wheelwright; all now or late of the Township of Hilltown; And John Dennis, Joiner; now or late of the Township of Richland; & Peter Perlee, Yeoman; now or late of the Township of Durham; Jesse Jones, Laborer; now or late of the Township of Bensalem; & Jonathan Shaw, late Ensign in the American Army, all now or late of the County of Bucks: And John Campbell, William Campbell, James Little, Edward Gibbons & James Delong, Yeomen; all now or late of Emmerson's Valley: & Andrew Smith and Robert Nixon, Yeomen; both now or late of the Township of Lack, and Joseph King, Yeoman; & William Wright, Dyer; both now or late of the Township of Path Valley: & Dominick McNeal and John Stillwell, Yeomen; both now or late of the Township of Tuscorara; all now or late of the County of Cumberland: And Richard Weston, Yeoman; now or late of the Township of Trunkston, & Jacob Hare, Michael Hare & Samuel Barrow, Yeo-

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men; all now or late of the Township of Barree; all now or late of the County of Bedford: And George Fields, Daniel Fields, Gilbert Fields, Isaac Dolston, Matthew Dolston, Isaac Dolston, junior, Morris Furner, Edward Furner, George Weitner, Henry Staaks, Patrick Hill & Matthew Russell, Yeomen; all now or late of the Township of Wioming; all now or late of the County of Northumberland: have severally adhered to, & knowingly & willingly aided & assisted the Enemies of this State, & of the United States of America, by having joined their Armies within this State.

And Whereas, The following named Persons, inhabitants of others of the United States of America, who have Real Estates within this Commonwealth; that is to say: Peter Campbell, Gentleman, & Isaac Allen, Attorney at Law, both now or late of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey; & Andrew Elliott, Esq'r, now or late of New York; have severally adhered to, & knowingly and willingly aided & assisted the Enemies of this State, & of the United States of America, by having joined their Armies at the City of New York, at the State of New York:

We, the Supreme Executive Council aforesaid, by virtue of certain powers & authorities to us given by an Act of General Assembly entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Commonwealth, & for more effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful Debts & claims" thereupon, Do hereby strictly charge & require the said William Ross, Robert White, Richard Palmer, William Marshall, John Burd, John Colston, William Evans, John Evans, Alexander Stedman, Thomas Green, Thomas Silkod, John Loughborough, Joseph Comely, John Burke, Uriah Hughes, Junior, David Burge, Courtland Todd, Joseph Kennard, Isaac Hutchinson, Thomas Hutchinson, Marmaduke Hutchinson, Edward Jones, Jonathan Jones, Enoch Morris, John Dennis, Peter Perlie, Jesse Jones, Jonathan Strow, John Campbell, William Campbell, James Little, Henry Magee, Edward Gibbons, James Delong, Andrew Smith, Robert Nixon, Joseph King, William Wright, Dominick McNeal, John Stillwell, Richard Weston, John Hare, Michael Hare, Samuel Barrow, George Fields, Daniel Fields, Gilbert Fields, Isaac Dolston, Matthew Dolston, Isaac Dolston, jun'r, Morris Furner, Edward Furner, Henry Weitner, Henry Staaks, Patrick Hill, Matthew Russell, Peter Campbell, Isaac Allen & Andrew Elliott, to render themselves respectively to some or one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, or of the Justices of the Peace of one of the Counties within this State, on or before Tuesday the fifteenth day of December next ensuing, & also abide their legal trial for such their Treasons, on pain that every of them, the said William Ross, Robert White, Richard Palmer, William Marshall, John Burd, John Colston, William Evans, John Evans, Alexander Smith, James Warrell, David Jones, Hudson Burr, John Burkett, William Drewitt Smith, Alexander Stedman,

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Thomas Green, Thomas Silkod, John Loughborough, Joseph Comely, John Burke, Uriah Hughes, junior, David Burge, Courtland Todd, Joseph Kennard, Isaac Hutchinson, Thomas Hutchinson, Marmaduke Hutchinson, Edward Jones, Jonathan Jones, Enoch Morris, John Dennis, Peter Perlie, Jesse Jones, Jonathan Shaw, John Campbell, William Campbell, James Little, Henry Magee, Edward Gibbons, James Delong, Andrew Smith, Robert Nixon, Joseph King, William Wright, Dominick McNeal, John Stillwell, Richard Weston, Jacob Hare, Michael Hare, Samuel Barrow, George Fields, Daniel Fields, Gilbert Fields, Isaac Dolston, Matthew Dolston, Isaac Dolston, junior, Morris Furner, Edward Furner, Henry Weitner, Henry Staaks, Patrick Hill, Matt'w Russell, Peter Campbell, Isaac Allen, & Andrew Elliott, not rendering himself as aforesaid, & abiding the trial aforesaid, shall from and after the said fifteenth day of December next, stand & be attainted of High Treason, to all intents & purposes, & shall suffer such pains & penalties, & undergo all such forfeitures, as persons attainted of High Treason ought to do.

And all the faithful subjects of this State are to take notice of this Proclamation, & govern themselves accordingly.

"*Given* by order of the Council, under the hand of the Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esquire, Vice President, & the Seal of the State at Philadelphia, this thirtieth day of October, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-eight.

"Attested by order of the Council.

T'y Matlack, Sec'y.

"(Signed)—GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President."

The Council met.

Philadelphia, Saturday October 31, 1778.

present:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay,	Thomas Urie,	Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,	John Hambright, &	
Jacob Arndt,	Thomas Scott,	

The Petition of Charles Edwards, convicted of Theft at the Court of , praying a remission of the Corporal Punishment ordered by the said Court:

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the execution of the Sentence of the Court against Cha's Edwards, be suspended until the first day of December next.

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The following two orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vis:

In favor of John Klotz, for the Sum of Forty-three Pounds & Six Shillings, for riding express.

In favor of the Widow of William Hammond, for the Sum of eight Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence, for her Husband's service in attending the Alarm Gun.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday November 2d, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay,	Thomas Urie,	Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,	John Hambright, &	
Jacob Arndt,	Thomas Scott,	

The Petition of John Roberts was read.

The Petition of the wife of John Roberts, his Children & relatives, was read; the Petitioners being many of them present.

The Petition of the Wife of Abram Carlisle & others in his behalf, was read; she being present with her son, & others.

A Letter from Meriwether Smith & Richard Henry Lee, Esq'rs, inclosing a Letter from John Campbell, dated October 16, 1778.

The Council took into consideration the cases of John Roberts and Abram Carlisle.

Petition of divers Freeholders was read; and also the Notes taken by the Chief Justice on their respective trials, (many others having been before read.)

Notes of the Chief Justice on each of the said Cases were read.

Samuel Wallis, of Northumberland, attended and offered to Council some facts relative to the Credit in which John Roberts was at Gen'l Howe's Head Quarters; and

On Consideration,

He was ordered to draw up in Writing what he has to offer, and affirm to the truth thereof before a Justice of the Peace.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday Novem. 3, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Thomas Urie,
Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs
Jacob Arndt, Thomas Scott,

Major Gen'l Armstrong & Brig'r Gen'l Lacey attended the Council, and a conference was had on the present situation of the State with respect to Military affairs.

James Claypoole, Esq'r, offered to the Council Blair M'Clenaghan & David Chambers, both of this City, as sureties for his faithful performance of the duties of his office as Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, & the same were approved of.

Ordered, That Wm. Allison be directed to request of the Assistant Quarter Master General, for four Spades & four Shovels, for the use of the State, to be returned to him, or accounted for by the State.

A Letter from Brig'r Gen'l John Lacy was read, wherein he resigns the office of Agent for seizing of forfeited Estates for the County of Bucks, in consequence of his being elected one of the representatives of the said County to serve in General Assembly.

The Council resumed the consideration of the cases of John Roberts and Abraham Carlisle; And after solemn consideration, and the Question being put, shall a Reprieve be granted to John Roberts and Abram Carlisle, or either of them? The same was carried in the Negative.

Application was made to Council for a small quantity of Plank, to repair a Bridge on Richmond, or Point no point Road, near Kensington.

Ordered, That Wm. Allison be directed to deliver to David Blyth and John Shults, as much Plank as will repair the Bridge above Kensington, on Richmond Road.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Novem. 4, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Tho's Scott, &
John Mackay, Matt'w Smith. } Esq'rs.
Tho's Urie,

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday November 5, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Watthew Smith &	
Thomas Urie,	John Hambright,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet, or his order, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account; Also an order on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Nevil, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

William Marshall of the City of Philadelphia, Pilot, named in the Proclamation the thirtieth day of October last, and required to render himself and abide his legal trial, &ca, attended in Council, and on examination, it appeared that the name of the said Wm. Marshall was inserted in the said Proclamation thro' the misinformation of one of the Agents for seizing of forfeited Estates in the City of Philadelphia; and there did not appear any reason to believe that he had adhered to, or in anywise aided and assisted the Enemies of this Sate, or of the United States of America.

The Council having a just regard to the preservation of the good Character of a Citizen of the State, both for the present and in future,

Ordered, That a certificate be made out under the less Seal of the State, Signed by the Hon'ble Vice President, and attested by the Secretary, setting forth the aforesaid case, and that the same be delivered to the said William Marshall; And that a Nole Prosequi be issued in his case.

Ordered, That the foregoing Minutes be Published in Mr. Dunlap's Paper.

Ordered, That the Sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars be paid to the Hon'ble Geo. Bryan, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of One Hundred & Fifty Pounds.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Thomas Urie, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of One Hundred and fifty Pounds, in part of his Wages.

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The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday November 6, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Mathew Smith,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	John Hambright, &	
Thomas Urie,	James McLean,	
Thomas Scott,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jac'b Stinesmitz, or his order, for the Sum of One hundred & Twenty-four Pounds Six Shillings & Three Pence, for Bricks.

Henry Rhoads, Esq'r, one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford, sent into Council a resignation in Writing, of his Office of a Justice of the Peace for the said County, & the same is accepted accordingly.

Agreeable to the order of the day, Capt. McFee & Rachel Walker, attended the Council, & put in their claim to the Reward of One thousand Dollars, offered by this Council on the thirteenth July last, to the person or persons who should take and secure James Fitzpatrick, Blacksmith, a noted Robber. And the Claimants being heard & their claims considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Sum of Five hundred Dollars be paid to Rach'l Walker, & Five Hundred Dollars be paid to Capt. Robert McAffee, being in the whole the Sum of One thousand Dollars, offered by this Council as a reward for seizing James Fitzpatrick, Blacksmith, the Robber lately executed at Chester; & An order was drawn on the Treasurer for the said sum accordingly.

Examination of the Claims of Capt. McAffee & Mrs. Walker to the Reward for taking Capt. Fitz Patrick, August 23, 1778.

Rachael Walker.—"She was up Stairs; heard screaming, came down; a boy told her Capt. Fitz was there; Capt. Fitz asked her how she did, & expressed his sorrow at the disturbance; Fitz told McAffee to prepare for a march; laid down his sword & Pistol, & raising his foot to the Bedstead, in order to put up at heels a pair of Pumps taken from Capt. McFee; She winked at McFee to seize Fitz; he seemed to decline; She winked again, & on seeing McFee's motion as if to seize Fitz, she also sprang forward & seized Fitz; but whether before or at the same time that McFee seized him, is not certain, but there could have scarcely been a moment difference; Fitz seized a Pistol, which she griped in his hand & prevented him from firing it; That she afterwards took the Pistol & stood Centry at the door."

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Capt. McFee says, "he is not certain at what time the Young Woman seized Fitz, but that the persons present said he had seized him first, & had several turns with him on the floor before any persons interferred; Since the time, has had two Oat Stacks burned, & that the same time destroyed the Pans, &ca, in the Milk House, Cut the manes & tails of his Horses, but not wounded." Withdrew.

Council ordered the Secretary to ask Captain McFee if he had obtained from his Father & Mother a renunciation of claim to any part of the reward for apprehending Capt. Fitz:

And the Secretary having proposed to him the said Question, Capt. McFee replied, "there is no occasion; they have made no claim, & there can be no reason for their renouncing a claim which they have not made, no more than that every other Person should make a renunciation."

Edward Biddle & Samuel Meredith, Esq'rs, a Committee of General Assembly, attended in Council, & informed the Council That the House of General Assembly was now met, had chosen their Speaker, & were ready for any business which the Council may have to lay before the House.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Five hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday Novem. 7, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Matthew Smith,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	John Hambright, &	
Tho's Urie,	James McLean,	
Thomas Scott,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Nehemiah Stokely, of the eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand & Six hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting Service for the said Regiment, & to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That the Classes of Militia of the several Battalions near the City of Philadelphia, who from the vicinity of the Enemy could not be called into service in their turn, be now ordered into service to do duty as City Guards; & that the Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia be directed to exert himself to the utmost to have them ready for duty by Saturday next.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Jordan, Pay-master of the Militia of the county of Northumberland, or his order, for the Sum of Eight Thousand Dollars, to be applied by him in paying the Militia of the said County, & charged the same to his account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday November 9, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Jacob Arndt, Thos. Scott, Thos. Urie, & James M'Clean, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major Will'm Armstrong, Pay-master at Billingsport, for the sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The Hon'ble James M'Clean, Esq'r, elected Councellor for the County of Cumberland, & the Hon'ble Matthew Smith, Esq'r, elected Councellor for the County of Lancaster, respectively took the Oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to act as Councellors.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major Gen'l John Armstrong, of the Militia of this State, or his order, for the sum of Four hundred & thirty-one Pounds & twelve shillings, balance due to him for his Pay & Rations to the 5th of March, 1778, and to be charged to Congress.

Representation of Charles Campbell, late Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Westmorland, praying the Payment of a bill drawn by him on Council, & a consideration of his case, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the representation of the case of Charles Campbell be referred to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly.

A Message to the Hon'ble House of Assembly being read,

Ordered, That the same be signed by the Hon'ble Vice President.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday Novem. 10, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Thomas Urie, &
Jacob Arndt, James McLean, } Esq'rs.
Thos. Scott,

A Letter from the Marine Committee of Congress, dated the 17th inst., was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That Capt. Wade in the State Sloop, do comply with the directions of the Marine Committee of Congress, by preceeding the French Frigate Chimere down the Bay of Delaware, for the purpose of reconnoitering.

Gen'l Lacey & Col. Knox, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council & laid before Council a Letter from Gen'l Wayne, to the Hon'ble House of Assembly, inclosing divers Letters from the Officers of the Army, & the same were read.

Josiah Wood produced an account for making Six Hundred Shovels for the use of the Army, & three hundred handles for Shovels, & a Certificate in support of the said account, signed by Colo. John Bull; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Josiah Wood, for the Sum of Two hundred and Seventy Pounds, for shovels made by him for the State of Pennsylvania.

The Council resumed the consideration of the return of the Election for Justices of the Peace for the Northern liberties of the City of Philadelphia; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Henry Negle & Joseph Copperthwaite be appointed & Commissioned to be Justices of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday November 12, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Matthew Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Mackay, James M'Lean,

Representation of Capt. Houston respecting the Prize sloop Active was read.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Col. North, or his order, for the sum of One hundred & Thirty-Six Dollars, bounty due to Ensign George Knox for enlisting John Kennedy into the 9th Pennsylvania Regiment.

An account of Expences & Pay due for attending the Light House, was laid before the Council by Eleanor Hitchcock, Widow of John Hitchcock, deceased, Amounting to the sum of Forty-Six Pounds twelve Shillings & six Pence.

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Officer appointed to collect the duty of Tonnage for the support of the Light House, &c., to settle the account of the Widow of John Hitchcock, and pay her the Balance due to her.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Shepherd, or his order, for the Sum of Twenty Two Pounds & Ten Shillings, for 30 bushels of Lime, for the use of the House of Office, & some repairs in the State House.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday November 13, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEO. BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James M'Lean,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Thomas Urie, &	
Matthew Smith,	Jacob Arndt,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Arthur Donaldson, for the sum of Five hundred pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble James Read, Esq'r, for his attendance in Council 88 days, & Mileage on 56 Miles twice.

From 29 August to 1st August, & from 25 August to the 3d September, 44 days a 35s. - - - - -	77 00 0
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The Council took into consideration the returns of Elections of the Justices of the Peace for the Town of Bedford, & the Township of Bedford, & for the Township of Dublin; & thereupon,

Ordered, That David Espy & Sam'l Davidson be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford, & for the Township of the Town of Bedford; And that William Todd be appointed

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Justice of the Peace for the said County of Bedford, & for the Township of Bedford, And that James Coyle & James Carmichael be appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford & for the Township of Dublin, & that they be Commissioned accordingly.

The Council also took into consideration the return of the Election of Justices of the Peace for the Township of Peters, in the County of Cumberland; & thereupon,

Ordered, That William McDowell be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, & that he be Commissioned accordingly.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Secretary do attend the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, & acquaint the House that the Council are informed that a hearing on the return of the Election for the County of Chester is to be had in the House to-morrow, in the forenoon, & as the determination of the Election for Sheriffs will depend on the same evidence as that of the representatives in General Assembly, they propose to the Hon'ble House that the Council be admitted to attend the hearing, & to take such notes of the proceedings as they may judge to be necessary to assist them in their determination, concerning the Election of Sheriffs for the said County of Chester.

A Letter from Col. Heartley, dated 9th instant, was read, &

Ordered, That the same be laid before the Hon'ble House of Assembly.

The Secretary reports that he had delivered the Message to the Hon'ble House according to order, & that the Speaker was pleased to say, That the House will take into consideration the message from Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Loughead, paymaster of the City Militia, for the Sum of One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, to pay the Militia now to be discharged, & to charge the same to account of the said James Loughead.

The Clerk of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly attended in Council, & returned Colo. Hartley's Letter, and he informed Council, That the House was ready to join a Committee of Council to assist in representing to Congress the situation of the frontier Counties.

The Clerk of the House again attended & informed the Council, That the House of Assembly had taken into consideration the verbal Message from Council, & that the House are disposed to accommodate the Council within the Bar at the hearing of the case of the Chester County Election, & that the hearing was, on motion, put off 'till Thursday next.

Ordered That the Secretary inform the House, That Council propose to apply to Congress, thro' the Delegates of the State, for the March of some of the Confederate Troops, & that if any difficulty arise in the case, Council was inform the House and ask their assistance.

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Ordered, That the Quarter Master General be requested to furnish Fred'k Sneider with a pitching Axe, to be accounted for by the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday November 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James McLean,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Thomas Urie, &	
Matthew Smith,	Jacob Arndt,	

The Secretary reports, That he had delivered Colo. Hartley's Letter to Gen'l Roberdeau, to be by him laid before Congress, agreeable to order.

The following Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of this day, handed in by the Clerk of the House, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the Naval Officer be directed not to clear out any Vessel having on board for exportation any of the Articles in the embargo Law, for & during five days from this date, or until further orders.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday November 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James McLean,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Thomas Urie, &	
Matthew Smith,	Jacob Arndt,	

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday Novem. 17, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James McLean,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Thomas Urie, &	
Matthew Smith,	Jacob Arndt,	

The Clerk of the House attended in Council, & informed that the House was now met & ready to proceed on the enquiry into the Election for Representatives for the County of Chester.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Henry Keppele, jun, or his order, for the Sum of Three hundred & fifteen Pounds Seven Shillings & Six Pence, for

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday Novem. 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Urie,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Thomas Scott, &	
Matt'w Smith,	James McLean,	
Jacob Arndt,		

James Ewing, Esq'r, returned as Councellor by the Sheriff of York County, having taken the Oath of Office, & the Oath required in the Constitution to be taken by all Officers, took his seat at the board.

The Hon'ble Vice President & the Council having attended in the House of Assembly, & heard the Council learned in the Law on the Chester County contested Election, so far as the same has been heard before the House, to Wit:

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The Council are unanimously of opinion, that the same ought not to have been questioned.

Ordered, That this Afternoon at three O'Clock, the parties interesting themselves

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It appearing by the Records that John Ellwood, late of Bucks County, Pilot, is convict of High Treason at a Court of Oyer & Terminer, holden on the Twentieth day of October last, & sentenced to be hanged by the Neck 'till he is dead; it is

Ordered, That a Warrant for the Execution of said sentence on Wednesday the Second day of December next, between the hours of Ten of the Clock in the forenoon, & two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the same day, be issued.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Robert Allison, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

William Denny, David Denny, & John Culbertson, all of the County of Chester, were offered as Sureties for Robert Smith, Esquire,— his faithful performance of the Duties of his Office as Sheriff of the said County of Chester, & the same were approved of.

Three O'Clock, Afternoon, The Council met.

PRESENT:

As in the forenoon.

The Council resumed the Consideration of the returns of the Election for the County of Chester; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Robert Smith, Esq'r, be appointed Sheriff of the County of Chester, & that he be Commissioned accordingly.

Ordered, That David Denny, Gent., be appointed & Commissioned to be Coroner of the County of Chester.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That James Moore, Evan Evans, Patterson Bell, & Philip Scott, Esquires, be Commissioned by Dedimus Potestatum; that they or one of them do administer to Robert Smith, Esq'r, Sheriff of the County of Chester, & to David Denny, Gent., Coroner of the said County, the Oaths or Affirmations of allegiance required by Law to qualify them respectively for the discharge of their said Offices.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday November 23, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Thomas Scott, & John Mackay, Thomas Urie, } Esq'rs.
James McLean,

Depositions of Joseph Master & of Devenport Mariott, respecting John Ellwood, were read.

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The Council taking into Consideration the case of Joseph Wilson & John Lawrence, now under Sentence of Death :

Ordered, That Joseph Wilson & John Lawrence, now under Sentence of Death, be Pardoned, & that a Pardon be issued accordingly.

The Council taking into Consideration the case of Charles Williams, convicted of Felony at the City Court, & now under sentence to receive twenty-one Lashes & pay a fine of ; and it appearing that a certain hath since confessed that she was guilty of the Felony whereof the said Charles Edwards was so convicted, which, with some other circumstances, rendering it in some degree uncertain whether or not the said Charles Williams had been guilty of the said Felony ; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the sentence of the City Court against Charles Edwards, so far as relates to the corporal Punishment & fine, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday November, 24, 1778.

PRESENT :

Hon'ble GEO. BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Jacob Arndt,	
James M'Lean,	Tho's Urie, &	
——— Smith,	——— Smith,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Philip Wilson, of the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of three hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

Joseph Reed, Esq'r, elected Councellor for the County of Philadelphia, appeared in Council, & having taken the Oaths required by the Constitution, took his seat in Council.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday November 25, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Thomas Urie, &	
James M'Lean,	——— Smith,	

On consideration,

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, proposing to chuse a President, & the appointing a Committee of the House to confer with a Committee of this Council, to agree upon the time & place of chusing the said Officer; and the same was done & adopted as follows:

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The House having appointed a Committee according, This Council appoint Joseph Read, Esq'r, Joseph Hart, Esq'r, & ——— Smith, Esq'r.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Loughead, Pay-master of the Militia for the City of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That it be recommended to Col. William Henry to supply the Militia now called into service from the County with Arms, from those which have been lately in the hands of the City Militia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday November 26, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay,	James M'Lean,	Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,	Thomas Urie, &	
——— Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

A Letter from Colo. Hartley.

A Letter from the board of War, inclosing copy of a Letter from his Excell'y Gen'l Washington, requesting a guard of 400 or 500 Men, to conduct the convention Prisoners thro' this State on their way to the Southward, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the first Class of Militia of the County of Bucks be immediately called into service, & that they March with all possible expedition to Easton, to guard the Convention Prisoners from thence to the southward.

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Ordered, That one Class of Militia of all those Battalions of the County of Philadelphia from which there is now no detachments in service, be immediately called into service, & that they March with all possible expedition to Easton, to guard the Convention Prisoners from thence to the southward.

The Resolve of Congress of the 17th ins., November, recommending to the Legislature or Executive authority of each of the United States to appoint Wednesday the 30th day of December next to be observed as a day of Public thanksgiving & praise, being read, & the same being considered,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the good People of this State to set apart Wednesday the said Thirtieth day of December next, for the purpose aforesaid, and that a Proclamation be accordingly issued.

"*Pennsylvania, ss:*

"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"A PROCLAMATION:

"WHEREAS, it hath pleased Almighty God, through the course of the present year, to bestow great & manifold mercies on the people of these United States, & it being the indispensible duty of all Men gratefully to acknowledge their obligations to him for benefits received; And the Congress having recommended to the Legislative or Executive authority of each of the said States, to appoint Wednesday the thirtieth day of December next, to be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving & Praise, that all the people may, with united hearts, on that day express a just sense of his unmerited favors, particularly in that it hath pleased him, by his overruling Providence, to support us in a just & necessary War for the defence of our rights & liberties, by affording us reasonable supplies for our Armies; by disposing the heart of a powerful Monarch to enter into an alliance with us, & aid our cause; by defeating the Councils & evil designs of our Enemies, and giving us Victory over their Troops; & by the continuance of that union among these States, which, by his blessing, will be their future strength & glory:

"*And Whereas*, Congress hath further recommended, That together with devout Thanksgiving may be joined a penitent confession of our Sins, & humble Supplication for pardon, through the merits of our Saviour, so that under the smiles of Heaven, our public Councils may be directed, our Arms by land and Sea prospered, our liberty & independence secured, our Schools & Seminaries of learning flourish, our trade be revived, our Husbandry and Manufactures increased, & the hearts of all impressed with undissembled

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piety, with benevolence & zeal for the public good: And also recommended that recreations unsuitable to the purpose of such a Solemnity may be omitted on that day; therefore,

"This Council do hereby recommend to the good people of the State to set apart Wednesday, the said thirtieth day of December next, for the purpose aforesaid.

"*Given* by order of the Council, under the hand of the Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President, & the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this Twenty-Sixth day of November, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-eight.

"(Signed)—GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.
"Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, Sec'y."

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday November 27, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

James Read,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
Jos. Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	
John Mackay,	Thomas Urie, &	
——— Smith,	Thomas Scott,	
James McLean,		

A Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of the 26th instant, appointing David Espie, Esq'r, to be Register and Recorder of the County of Bedford, was read; And thereupon,

Ordered, That Commissions be issued to David Espie, Esq'r, appointing him to be Register and Recorder of the County of Bedford, according to the Resolve of General Assembly aforesaid.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Barnard Dougherty, John Piper, and David, Esquires, be Commissioned by Dedimus Protestatum to administer to all & every person in the County of Bedford named in Commission or Commissions issued, or to be issued by this Council, the Oaths or Affirmations required to qualify them respectively for their Offices, & the trust reposed in them by Virtue of such Commissions.

On motion,

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, proposing that a Committee be appointed by the Hon'ble House, to confer with a Committee of Council, respecting some Public expression of their approbation of the spirited Conduct of Colo. Hartley, & his Corps under his Command; And that

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Gen'l Reed & Colo. Smith, be a Committee to meet the Committee of the House on this Subject.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Henry Spyker, Paymaster of Militia of the County of Berks, or his order, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, to be charged to account of the said Henry Spyker.

A Letter from the State of Massachusets bay, inclosing Copy of a Law for preventing the return of Tories, &ca.

Ordered, That the same be laid before the Hon'ble House of General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday Novem. 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	James Read,	
——— Smith,	Tho's Urie, &	
Jas. M'Lean,	Thomas Scott,	

An application from Mrs. Eliz'a Ferguson, for permission to go into the City of New York to take leave of her husband & to return, was read & considered; & thereupon,

Ordered, That Mrs. Eliza Ferguson be not permitted to go into the City of New York.

Petition of J. M. Nesbitt & Thomas Fitzsimmons, praying to be admitted to Ship on board the Sloop Eliza & Mary, John Lightburne, Commander, bound from this Port to Bermuda, 8 bbls. of Bread, One barrel of Flour, One barrel Pease, four barrels Beef, & two barrels Pork, as Stores for the Brig Neptune, lately built at & now lying in Bermuda, & intending a Voyage to the West Indies for a Cargo of Salt, to be brought to this Port, was read.

On consideration,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Naval Officer to clear out the said Provisions as necessary Stores for a Vessel trading to this State.

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

One in favor of the Hon'ble Tho's Scott, Esq'r, for the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account, & the other in favor of Will'm Armstrong, Pay-master of Billingsport, for the Sum of Seven hundred & fifty Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Address to the Hon'ble House concerning the Gallies, was now sent into the House.

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Bernard Dougherty & Thomas Smith, both of the County Bedford, Esq'rs, offered themselves as Sureties to the State that David Espie shall duly & faithfully execute the several Offices which he holds in & for the County of Bedford; &

On consideration,

The said Sureties were approved of.

Petition of George Gallaspie was read, praying to be admitted to go to New York, from thence to England, & to return again, & the same was rejected, he having not taken the Oath of Allegiance to the State.

Saturday Evening November 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Ja's McLean, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
John Mackay,

Hon'ble Thomas McKean & the Hon'ble William Augustus Atlee, Esquires, laid before the Council An Act of General Assembly for the relief of Reynold Keen; & the difficulties they were under, by Attorneys appearing & offering to surrender the body of the said Keen for trial, according to the said Act: And after cenferring for several hours thereupon, it was agreed to meet to-morrow Morning, 8 O'Clock.

(⅓ allowance two Months past—five or Six Transports filled with Soldiers—not a great number of Soldiers at New York, perhaps 3000, chiefly British & new levies—3 battalions of New levies marched down from King's bridge on Friday week last—All the Men of War have 4 Mo. Provision on board, at ⅓ allowance—Fleet came down to the Hook with a great deal of Merchandize on board & put back again—Com'rs to sail next Tuesday on board Roebuck.)

Petition of Joseph Carson, praying the loan of Two Cannon, four Pounders, & three hundred weight of Cannon Powder, for the use of the Privateer called the Addition:

On consideration,

Ordered, That two four Pounder Cannon belonging to the State, be sent to Joseph Carson & Company, & also three hundred weight of Cannon Powder; and that Captain Stiles do deliver and take a Receipt for the same.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday November 30, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, John Mackay, James McLean, Thomas Urie, James Read, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.

A Letter from the Board of War.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Col. Will'm Henry, Lieu. of the City of Philadelphia, do send Three hundred stand of Arms & accoutrements to Sherard's Ferry, to arm the militia of the County of Philadelphia & Bucks, now ordered there; the same to be delivered out to the respective militia of the said Counties in proportion to the numbers from each County. And it is recommended to Col. Henry to apply to the board of War for an order to the Quartermaster for waggons to carry the said Arms; & also for ammunition for the said militia, to be forwarded without delay to Sherard's Ferry.

The Council took into consideration the case of John Ellwood, now under sentence of death, & ordered to be executed on Wednesday next; & it being doubtful whether or not the said John Ellwood hath for some years past been subject to fits of insanity; Therefore,

Ordered, That the said John Elwood be reprieved until Saturday the Second day of January next; & that a Reprieve under the less Seal be accordingly issued.

A Transcript of the conviction of Abijah Wright, of Felony & Burglary, as set forth in the said Transcript, was read; to wit:

"At a Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal delivery held at Philadelphia, for the County of Philadelphia, the twentieth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-eight, It was *presented*, That Abijah Wright, late of the County of Philadelphia, Laborer, had with force and Arms, at Whitpain, in the County aforesaid, the dwelling House of Andrew Knox, Esq., there situated, feloniously and burglariously did break and enter, with an intent him, the said Andrew Knox, then and there being, feloniously to kill and murder, &ca., &ca: It was, therefore, considered by the Court that the said Abijah Wright be hanged by the Neck 'til he be dead.

"EDW. BURD, Cl. Cur."

And on deliberate consideration,

Ordered, That the Sentence of the Supreme Court against Abijah Wright, be executed against him on Saturday next, at the

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usual place, between the hours of ten O'Clock in the forenoon and two O'Clock in the Afternoon of the said day.

The Committee of Council appointed to confer with a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, upon the time and place of electing, by the joint ballot of the members of the House and of Council, a President and Vice President of this Council, report:

That having conferred with the Committee of the House upon the subject committed to them, It is agreed, That the Hon'ble House of General Assembly will meet in the Council Chamber to-morrow Morning at Eleven O'Clock, and proceed to the Election of a President and Vice President, agreeable to the Constitution; That after the Election is finished, the Council and Assembly proceed to the Court House and there make Proclamation of the President and Vice President so chosen; That after Proclamation being made, that the Council and Assembly do dine together at the City Tavern.

And the Committee submit to the Council the Order of Procession.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday December 1, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart,	Jas. McLean,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Jas. Read.	
Jas. Reed,	Tho's Urie, &	
——— Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

The Clerk of the Hon'ble House attended, & informed that the House was now ready to proceed to the Election of a President & Vice President; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Council do attend the Hon'ble House, & inform the House that the Council is now ready to receive the House in the Council Chamber, & to proceed to the Election of a President and Vice President of the Council.

The Hon'ble the Speaker of the House & the General Assembly attended in Council, & thereupon the Secretary of the Council & the Clerk of the House proceeded to take the Votes for President, & the Votes were as follows, Vizt:

For Joseph Reed, Esq'r, Sixty-one Votes.
For George Bryan, Esq'r, One Vote.
For James Read, Esq'r, One Vote.

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The General Assembly & Council then proceeded to chuse a Vice President, & the votes were as follows, Vizt:

For George Bryan, Esq'r, Sixty-two Votes.
For Joseph Hart, Esq'r, One Vote.

And thereupon it was declared, That Joseph Reed, Esq'r, was then duly chosen to be President, & George Bryan, Esq'r, was then duly chosen Vice President.

And the following declaration of the said Election being read, was signed by the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President, & the Members of the Council then present; & the same was also signed by the Hon'ble John Bayard, Esquire, Speaker of the House of General Assembly, & by the Members of the House of General Assembly then present, to Wit: by

GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.	JOHN BAYARD, Speaker.
Jos. Reed,	Sam'l Smith,
Joseph Hart,	John Lacey, jun'r,
John Mackay,	William Scott,
Matt'w Smith,	Arthur Watts,
Jas. McLane,	John Fulton,
James Read,	Pat. Anderson,
Jacob Arndt,	Jno. Culbertson,
T. Urie,	Stephen Cochran,
Tho's Scott,	John Gilcreest,
	John Smilie,
	Jas. Anderson,
Barnard Dougherty,	Wm. Brown,
Thomas Smith,	Sam'l Edie,
George Woods,	Tho. Lilley,
Hugh Davison,	Michael Schmyson,
his	Jonathan Hoge,
John ⋈ Burd,	John Harris,
mark.	Stephen Duncan,
Samuel Dale,	Jo Dunlap,
Simon Stimrod,	Patrick Maxwell,
Stephen Chambers,	Jno. Allison,
John Shields,	Jon'n Potts,
Rob't Morris,	Daniel Hunter,
Michael Shubert,	E. Biddle,
Tho. Mifflin,	Mark Bird,
Sam'l Meredith,	Sebastian Levan,
Geo. Clymer,	Peter Rhoads,
Dan'l Heister, jun'r,	John Van Campen,
Robert Loller,	Wm. McFarnen,
Robert Knox,	Christopher Wagner,
Isaac Warner,	John Ralston,
Arc'd Thomson,	Henry Rhoads.
Gerrardus Wynkoop,	

And the said Declaration was in the following words, to wit:

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"To all People to whom these Presents shall come or may concern:

"The General Assembly & Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, send Greeting:

"KNOW YE, That We, the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania-Wealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, in the State House at Philadelphia, together with the Vice President & other Members of the Supreme Executive Council of the said Commonwealth, in the same place convened, to elect a President & Vice President of the said Commonwealth, have, agreeable to the direction of the Nineteenth Section of the Constitution of the said Commonwealth, duly & fairly elected & chosen by ballot, His Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President of the said Supreme Executive Council, & the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, Vice President. And to the end that due regard & Obedience may be Paid to them in the Execution of their respective Offices, on all occasions, We do hereby make known & declare that the said Joseph Reed, Esquire is the President, & the said George Bryan, Esq'r, is the Vice President of the said Supreme Executive Council.

"In Testimony whereof, We have hereunto set our hands & Seals, the first day of December, in the Third Year of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, & in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-eight."

Agreed unanimously, That the said declaration of the election of the President & Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council, be Publicly read at the Court House in the City of Philadelphia, by the Secretary of the Council, do then Proclaim the President, in the following words: "And the said Joseph Reed, Esq'r, is hereby proclaimed to be Captain General & Commander-in-Chief in & over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Agreed, That the order of the Procession to the Court House be as follows, to Wit:

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Decem. 2, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, James McLean, & } Esq'rs.
John Mackay, Tho's Urie, }

The Secretary reports, that the Declaration of the Election of the President & the Vice President, was read at the Court House

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yesterday, & the President proclaimed, according to order of the Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, or his order, for the Sum of Three hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Tho's Urie, Esq'r, for the Sum of One hundred & One Pounds Eight Shillings & four Pence, balance due to him for his attendance in Council & mileage, Vizt:

Attendance in Council from 17th Aug. 1778, to Septem 3d, both included, 18 days @ 35s,	£	31	10 0
From 3d Septem. to this day, included, 90 days, at 45s,		202	10 0
Mileage on 209–209 miles, is 418 miles, @ 10d,		17	8 4
	£	251	8 4
Draft for		150	0 0
Balance,	£	101	8 4

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Decem. 3, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James McLean, John Mackay, & } Esq'rs.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday Decem. 4, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, James Reed, Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, & James McLean, Thomas Scott, Matt'w Smith, } Esq'rs.

A Letter from Colo. Wall was read.

The Petition of the Wife, Children, near Relatives and Neighbors of Abijah Wright, now under sentence of Death, was read.

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A letter from the Hon'ble the President of Congress, inclosing resolves of Congress of the 24th of Novem. & of the 30th of November.

The Letter from Col. Wall, representing that about One hundred Militia only of the class last ordered out of Bucks County, produced only about One hundred Men, being considered,

Ordered, That the third & fourth class of the Militia of the County of Bucks be immediately ordered into service to conduct the convention Troops thro' this State to the Southward.

Ordered, That two classes of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, (except only of the Battalions which have sent Classes to do duty in Philadelphia,) be ordered into service immediately to convention Troops thro' this State to the Southward.

Ordered, That Col. Bull be allowed £50 in full of his Ration Account.

Ordered, That the State Commissary of Provisions do supply rations to John Moys and two other Men, left at Billingsport, to take care of the cannon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday December 5, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay,	Matthew Smith,	Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt, &	
James M'Lean,	Thomas Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Nevil, or his order, for the sum of Two hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Petition of Capt. Lightbourne praying to be permitted to carry out with him Provisions for a Circuitous Voyage sufficient for Twenty-five Men, which he has on board his Vessel, & that the Council will supply him with 100 Two Pound Shot & One hundred Swivel Shot, being read & considered,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Naval Officer to permit Capt. Lightbourne to clear out the following quantity of Provisions for his intended Voyage, Viz: 10 barrels of Bread, 10 barrels of Flour, 10 barrels of Meat, and 2 barrels of Pease.

Ordered, That Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, do furnish Capt. Lightbourne with One hundred Two Pound Shot & One hundred Swivel Shot, Captain Lightbourne paying the value for the same.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. John Bull; or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred and Seven Pounds & fifteen shillings, balance due to him.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred & Seventy-five Pounds, balance due to him to the third day of the present month.

Petition of Lewis Nicola, Town Major, praying some allowance of Wood, was read; & on consideration,

Ordered, That the State Commissary supply Col. Nicola, Town Major, with four Cord of Wood.

Petition of William Low, a langishing Prisoner in the gaol of the County of York, praying that his fine may be remitted, was read, and the same being recommended by divers Justices of the Peace & other Freemen of the said County,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of York, to be paid by Wm. Lou, convicted of felony, be remitted.

On consideration,

Ordered, That William Holliday, of the County of Bedford, be appointed Pay-master of Militia for the County of Bedford.

At a Special Council, held the 6th Decem., 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esqr, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esqr, Vice President.

Jóseph Hart, Thos Scott, & John Mackey, Matt. Smith. } Esq'rs, James McLene,

The President laid before the board a Copy of a Letter from the Board of War of this date, to Col. Blond, and also a Letter from that Board to the President respecting the escort of the Convention Prisoner, Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Lieu. of York County be directed to call out one Class of the Militia of said County, to meet the said Prisoners at Wright's Ferry, on the Susquehanna, & escort them from thence to the borders of this State; and if there are not a sufficient number of Arms in said County, application be made to Mr. Henry, at Lancaster, or any other Person having the care of Arms belonging to this State, to furnish the necessary quantity for which the Lieu of the County is to give Receipts, & to be accountable, unless lost by unavoidable accident.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday Decem. 7, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esqr, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esqr, Vice President.

John Mackey,	James Reed,	Esqr's.
Matt'w Smith,	Jacob Arndt, &	
James McLene,	Thomas Scott.	

On consideration,

Ordered, That Jonathan Lodge be commissioned to be Sheriff of the County of Northumberland & that ———— be commissioned to be Coroner of the said County.

Ordered, That William Perry be appointed & Commissioned to be Sheriff, and William Waddell be appointed & Commissioned to be Coroner of the County of Westmorland.

Application of James Ash & Co. by Letter, for 50 lbs. of Gun Powder.

Ordered, That Capt. Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, do supply James Ash & Co. with 50 lbs. of Gun Powder, they paying a reasonable price for the same.

Ordered, That on Friday next, at two O'Clock in the Afternoon, the following Vessels, belong the State, be sold at the Coffee House, by Public Vendue, for Cash only, Vizt:

Ten Gallies, Nine armed Boats, The Brig. Convention, The Sloop Speedwell, Sally, Industry, & Black Duck, & the Schooner Lydia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday December 8, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay,	Tho's Scott, &	Esq'rs.
James McLene,	Matth'w Smith,	
Jacob Arndt,		

The following three orders were drawn on the Treasurer, for riding express, Vizt:

In favor of Matthias Snyder, for the Sum of Ten Pounds.

In favor of John Klotz, for the Sum of fourteen Pounds two Shillings & Six pence.

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And in favor of John Klotz, for the further Sum of Sixteen Pounds twelve Shilling & Six pence.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Robert Lollar, or his order, for the Sum of Three hundred and fifty Pounds, to be by him advanced to such of the Militia now under orders to March, as stand in need of it.

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the County of Philadelphia & Bucks, be authorized to pay the Tavern-keepers seven Shillings & Six Pence Per day for Victualling the Militia on their March from their Homes to Sherrard's Ferry; And also be authrized to provide Waggons to carry the baggage of the escort to Sherrard's Ferry, there to be discharged.

Ordered, That two hundred stand of Arms & fifty Camp Kettles be immediately forwarded to Sherrard's Ferry, for the use of the Philadelphia & Bucks County Militia, under the care of Frederick Hagner, & proper Receipts taken of the Captains to whom they shall be delivered.

Ordered, That it be recommended to Colo. Henry to forward about four hundred Dozen Musket Cartridges, for the use of the Pennsylvania escort.

Ordered, That the Muster master be directed to proceed to Wright's Ferry, or such other Ferry on Susquehanna which the Troops may cross, & there muster the Militia ordered into service to escort the Convention Troops thro' this State.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Jonathan Lodge, Esquire, be appointed & Commissioned to be the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, & that Thomas Robinson be appointed & Commissioned Coroner of the County of Northumberland.

Ordered, That notice be laid on the Coffee House Books, requesting the Petitioners to the House of General Assembly against Forestallers, to attend the Council on Thursday Morning at Eleven O'Clock, & give Council such information on this Subject as is in their power.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Decem. 9, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Jacob Arndt, &
Matt'w Smith, Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
James M'Lean,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William C. Bradford, Paymaster of the State Navy, or his order, for the Sum

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of Four thousand Pounds, to pay off the Officers & Men belonging to the State Fleet, to be charged to account of the said Paymaster.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet, or his order, for the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Petition of Hannah Fairlamb, praying to be permitted to go into New York to see her Husband, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered; That a Pass into New York be granted to Hannah Fairlamb, to Visit her husband & return to this State again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday Decem. 10, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

John Mackay, James McLene, & Matt'w Smith, Jas. Reed, } Esq'rs.

Capt. Heysham, John Barnhill, & Peter Ozeas, attended the Council, in consequence of notice to the Petitioners against forestallers to attend in Council, And the resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of the 5th instant, recommending to the serious attention of Council the Petition of sundry inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia, presented to the House, & praying in effect their interposition to prevent forestalling, was read. The said Petition was also read. On Consideration,

Ordered, That Willam Heysham, George Schlosser, & Will'm Hollingshead, be appointed & requested to make inquiry in all that part of the City from Market Street Northward, including the North Side of Market Street, concerning the engrossing of Flour & other necessaries of Life, & make report as soon as may be, to this Council, of such facts as have come or shall come to their knowledge, concerning the same; And that Nathan Boys, Jediah Snowden, & Robert Bridges, be appointed to the same, from Market Street Southward, including the South Side of Market Street; & Colo. William Coats, Frederick Kull, & Emanuel Eyre, for the Northern Liberties.

On motion,

Ordered, That the unanimous thanks of the Council be given to Col. Thomas Hartly, for the brave & prudent Conduct in covering the North Western frontiers of this State, & repelling the Savages & other Enemies; And that he be requested to inform the Officers & Men who have been under his command, that this Council is highly sensible of the difficulties & hardships of the duty which they have performed, & the courage & zeal which they have shown during the last Campaign.

Ordered, That the forgoing order be Published.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday December 11, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

James McLene, Jacob Arndt, & Matt'w Smith, Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
John Mackay,

On consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry be appointed to superintend & Conduct the Sales of the Vessels, Gallies & Gun Boats, with their apparrel & furniture, (Guns excepted,) he to be accountable for the Nett proceeds of the sales, and that he be allowed the same Commissions as the Marshall of the Admiralty in like cases.

Petition of Peter Dehaven, Benj. Rittenhouse & Hugh Dehaven, respecting the Gun Factory, was read.

Ordered, That Mr. Dehaven be directed to make out & deliver an Inventory of the Factory.

Petition of Richard Footman, in behalf of James Warren, Brewer, was read & ordered to lie on the Table.

Report of Dr. Hutchinson, of the State of the Navy Hospital, was was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Dr. Hutchinson be directed to make out, & deliver to the Secretary, an estimate of a Medicine Chest for the Navy.

William Streaker, late of the Island of Barbadoes, but now an inhabitant of the State, having presented a Memorial setting forth that he had taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State, and considers himself a Subject & resident thereof; but that having property in the Island of Barbadoes, he proposes to go to the West Indies in order to secure & transport the same to this Country, of which he thought it his duty to acquaint the Board, to prevent any future questions or disputes on his return:

Ordered, That the said Memorial be filed among the Papers of the Board, & that the Secretary give him a copy of this Minute, if requested.

A Transcript of the Conviction before the Court of Oyer and Terminer & General Goal delivery, held at Philadelphia on the 9th day of November last, of James O'Bryan & John Beard, alias dictus James Beard, of Felony & Robbery, was read & considered; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the sentence of the Court of Oyer & Terminer, & General Goal delivery, against James O'Bryan & John Beard, alias dictus James Beard, be executed upon them, the said James

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Bryan & John Beard, on Saturday the Nineteenth day of this present month, & that a Warrant be made out under the less Seal of the State, & Signed by his Excellency the President, & attested by the Secretary, for this purpose, & that it be delivered to the Sheriff of the City & County of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday Decem. 12, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Jacob Arndt, &
Ja's McLene, Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
Ja's Read,

A Letter from Capt. Joseph Wade was read; and

On Consideration,

Ordered, That agreeable to the request of Captain Joseph Wade, his resignation of his Office & employment in the State Service, be received.

Application of James Ash & Comp'y, for 100 lbs. of Gunpowder.

Ordered, That Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to supply James Ash & Comp'y, with One hundred weight of Gunpowder, for the Letter-of-Marque schooner Rebecca, they paying him the Value thereof.

Petition of Marlon Carvel, convicted of having gone into the city of Philadelphia, & praying to have his fine remitted was read, & a Certificate in his favor, signed by John Vandergrift, Esq'r, was read; &

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the State by Marlon Carvel, for his having gone into the City of Philadelphia while in the possession of the Enemy, be remitted.

On motion,

Ordered, That a Pass into New York be granted to Mary Wilson, not to return again.

Ordered, That the execution of the Sentence of the Court against Mary Miller, so far as relates to the Corporal punishment, be respited for ten days, & until further orders from this Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble James McLene, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Ninety-Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings & Eight Pence, for his attendance in Council Thirty-Eight days, & Mileage on 160 Miles.

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Ordered, That the March of the Militia of the County of York, intended to guard the Convention Troops, be countermanded.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday Decem. 14, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt, &

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry be directed not to sell the best Galley for a less Sum than five hundred Pounds, & the others at a price proportioned to their value. No one to be sold for less than Three hundred Pounds. The best Galley to be first exposed to Sale.

Ordered, That all the Guns under Six Pounders be Sold, to be put up in pairs; And in case the Sales cannot be conducted agreeable to this direction, they are to be bought in for the State, & a further day appointed for the Sale.

A Letter from Capt. Tho's Hazlewood, requesting a Furlow, to make a voyage to the West Indies;

On consideration,

Ordered, That Capt. Tho's Hazlewood be allowed to make a Voyage to the West Indies, on his own private Business, & to retain his Rank in the service of the State; but he is not to receive Pay or draw Rations until he shall again enter into actual service.

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday Decem. 15, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.
Ja's Read, Tho's Scott,

The Council took into consideration the report of Colonel Bull & Jacob S. Howell, upon the Pay of the Persons employed on the Fortifications at Billingsport & Red Bank, for the Year 1777; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the Pay of the Persons employed at Billingsport & Red Bank, for the Year 1777, be as follows, Viz:

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The Master Carpenters Twenty-Two Shillings & Six Pence Per day; Master Bricklayers the same; Pay-masters of Artificers the same; Commissary of Utensils Sixteen Shillings Per day; Clerk to the Pay-masters the same; Overseers of Laborers Thirteen Shillings Per day.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Decem. 16, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Thomas Scott, &	
James Reed,	Matt'w Smith,	

The Council taking into consideration returns of Election of Justices of the Peace for the district of Germantown, Roxbury, & Springfield Township, & for the district of Upper Hanover, Marlborough & Upper Salford Townships, The former having returned John Miller & John Howell, & the latter having returned Michael Croll & Peter Hillegas:

Ordered, That John Miller & Mich'l Croll, be appointed & Commissioned to be Justices of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia.

Resolves of the Hon'ble House of Assembly of the 5th December, 1778, was this day read in Council.

Ordered, That Sarah Whitebread, (Wife of Geo. Whitebread,) be furnished with a Pass to New York, to endeavour to obtain her Two Sons, now in New York, one 11, the other 13 years of Age.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday Decem. 17, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH READ, Esq'r, President.

Jos. Hart,	Jas. Read, &	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Tho's Scott,	

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry dispose, by Auction, of the Tools, Implements & stock of the Gun factory, belonging to this State, preserving the finished and unfinished Arms of all such Articles as, upon conference with Mr. Dav'd Rittenhouse, may be thought necessary for the use of the State.

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Ordered, That the Secretary acquaint Messrs. Alexa. Wilcocks & William McMurtrie, that it having been suggested to the Board that they are possessed of property belonging to British subjects, or otherwise liable to the just claim of the State, The Public officers of the State will be ordered to take the proper steps for securing the same for the benefit of the State, unless the parties concerned can shew the Board sufficient reason to the contrary.

The Council Met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday Decem. 18, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH READ, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Read,
John Mackay, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.
Matt'w Smith, Thomas Scott,

John Nixon, John Maxwell Nesbitt, & Benjamin Fuller, nominated & appointed by Act of General Assembly to settle the Accounts of the late Committee & Council of Safety, attended in Council, & they & each of them were sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that they "well & faithfully execute the Office & trust of an Auditor for settling the Accounts of the late Committee & Council of Safety, to the best of their Judgment, skill & Abilities"

On consideration,

Ordered, That Capt. James Lang do deliver over to Jacob S. Howell, as soon as may be, all the Cloathing belonging to the State now in his hands, the said Lang's possesion, taking a Receipt for the same; And that the said Lang do immediately lay before the Council his Accounts, prepared for a final Settlement.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain James Lang, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, for the Cloathing department, for which Sum the said Lang is to account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Execution of the Sentence of the Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal delivery, upon the body of James Bryan, be respitted for fifteen days, & that a Warrant under the less Seal, be issued for the purpose accordingly.

Thomas Fitzsimmons laid before the Council a Certificate signed by the Hon'ble the Sieur Gerard, Minister Plenipotentiary of His most Christian Majesty, that the Ship Mary & Elizabeth, belonging to Mr. Fitzsimmons & Company, was laden with biscuit & Flour for the use of the Fleet of His most Christian Majesty, and prayed that the said Ship may be cleared out at the Naval Office.

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On Consideration,

Ordered, That a Proclamation, under the Seal of the State, be issued agreeable to an Act of General Assembly entitled "An Act to prohibit the exportation of Provisions from the State of Pennsylvania for a limited time," to suspend the operation thereof so far as to admit the exportation of any of the Articles within the description of the said Act, for the use of the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty.

A letter from Robert Galbraith, Esq'r, resigning his Offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Recorder of Deeds, & Register for the Probate of Wills, and also the Commission of the Peace for the County of Bedford.

Ordered, That David Espy be appointed & Commissioned to be Prothonotary, Recorder of Deeds & Register for the Probate of Wills, for the County of Bedford, & one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County,

Ordered, That David Espy be appointed & Commissioned to be Clerk of the Orphan Court of the County of Bedford.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday Decem. 19, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Matth'w Smith, & John Mackay, Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.

The Plan of defence of the North Western frontiers of this Place, laid down by Col. Hartley, was now read & considered; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the plan & Arrangement for the defence of the North Western frontiers of this State, laid down by Col. Hartley, & dated December 1st, 1778, is approved by this Council; And that Col. Sam'l Hunter, Lieut. of the County of Northumberland, be directed to supply the Post at General Potter's, in Penn's Valley, with two Officers & Twenty Men, until further orders; And in case any other Officer should succeed Colo. Hartley in command, it is recommended that Col. Hartley's plan be pursued, as far as circumstances will admit.

A Letter from the Marine Committee read, enclosing an engagement on the part of the Minister of France, to Pay Twelve Thousand Dollars as a reward to any Vessel capturing or destroying any Vessel of the Enemy laden with Masts or Spars, & bound for New York, Halifax, or Newport.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

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A Certificate from Col. Nicola was read, that Lieuts. Honeyman, Pugh, & Wood, of the Pennsylvania line, have been regularly transferred to the Corps of Invalids;

Ordered, That Mr. Howell deliver them Cloathing proportioned in quality & quantity to other Officers of the same Rank in the line of the State.

Petition from Henry Sherer, & other Taylors, who have demands for work done for Colo. Moylan's Regiment of Light Dragoons.

Ordered, That it be returned as not laying before the board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday Decem$ 21, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Mackay, Matt'w Smith, Jac. Arndt, & Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be directed to concur in any measures which, in conference with the other Council concerned, he shall think proper, to obtain a re-consideration of the cause of the Slo. Active, wherein the State is concerned.

A Letter from Gov'r Johnson of Maryland, inclosing an Act of Assembly of that State against the distillers of Wiskey, &ca., was read; and immediately thereupon, a Copy of the Law of this State for the like purpose was forwarded to Gov. Johnson.

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PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, & John Mackay, } Esq'rs.

Ordered, That Col. Nicola be directed to Muster the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, under the Command of Col. Dean, & report to this Council.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday Decem. 22, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOS. REED, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jac. Arndt, &
John Mackay, Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
Matt'w Smith,

On consideration,

Ordered, That in addition to the News Papers now taken of Dunlap of this city & of Mr. Collins of Burlington, the following News Papers be taken, Viz:—Mr. Purdy's, of Williamsburg, in Virginia; Miss Goddard's, of Baltimore, in Maryland; Mr. Loudon's, at Fishkill, in the State of New York; ————, at New Haven, ————; ————, at Providence; Messrs. Edes & Gills, & Powers, & Willis's of Boston; and that the Secretary do write to the said Printers respectively, & request them to send their Papers Weekly.

Ordered, That there be printed Three Hundred Copies of the Passports which are to be given to Ships & Barques, according to the 27th Article of the Treaty of Amity & Commerce, done at Paris, the sixth day of February, One Thousand Seven Hundred & seventy-eight; And that the same be issued under the less Seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and signed by the President or Vice President, and countersigned by the Secretary.

The Secretary reports, That there are now no Commissions for private ships of War in his hands, & laid before the Council Twenty-two Bonds, taken on the issuing a like number of Commissions. Two Commissions filled up on applications & not called for, which completed the Twenty-four Commissions received on the 31st August, 1778, from the Hon'ble Henry Laurens, Esq'r, late President of Congress; and also two Bonds, taken on the issuing of a like number of Commissions, part of a former number received by Council, & that there had been One Commission sent to the State Navy Board, which that Board had not accounted for; And thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Hon'ble John Jay, Esq'r, President of Congress.

Plunket Fleeson, Esq'r, attended in Council, & administered to the following named persons the Oath of Allegiance & fidelity required to be taken by the Act of General Assembly, passed the fifth day of this instant, December, entitled "A further supplement to the Act entitled 'An Act for the further security of Government,'" Viz't: His Excell'y Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President;

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The Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President; Hon'ble Joseph Hart, John Mackay, Matt'w Smith, James Read, Jacob Arndt & Thomas Scott, Esq'rs, Members of Council.

And He also administered the Affirmation of the allegiance & fidelity aforesaid, to Timothy Matlack, Esquire, Secretary of the Council.

Passes to New York ordered for Sarah Williamson, Wife of Jesse Williamson, to return again. James, a Lad of 14 Years of Age, belonging to that City. Mary Ginn, Wife of Capt. Ginn, commanding a Merchant Ship in the Enemy's Service, not to return.

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry be and he is hereby appointed Commissary of Naval Stores of this State, & that he be authorized to take into his care and Custody the Vessels of every kind not in Commission, Guns, Arms & other Naval Stores, the whole to be collected together as much as Possible, & all the Offiars of the State & others, are hereby required to deliver up to the said Commissary the several articles herein mentioned, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril; And for his trouble herein, this board so agree to allow him eight Dollars per day, exclusive of the necessary expences attending the safe keeping and preservation of the Stores.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday Dec'r 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	} Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Jacob Arndt, &	
Matt'w Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Vis:

In favor of Ebenezer Cowell, or his order, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

In favor of John Parker, or his order, for the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Ordered, That the Secretary prepare a Circular Letter to each of the absent Delegates in Congress, acquainting them that since the late appointment the State has seldom been represented by more than two, & frequently only by one, which is attended with great inconvenience to the Continent in General & prejudice of this State in particular, & to desire they would with all convenient dispatch to repair to Congress and agree among themselves, so that in future a certain day not less than three, may always attend.

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A Letter from His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, dated Middlebrook, December 17, 1778, was read, stating sundry inconveniencies arising from the intercourse as at present carried on with the City of New York, & proposing that Flag boats shall go only at stated periods, (unless in extraordinary Cases,) & desiring the concurrence of this board thereon.

Resolved, That the President do acquaint the General that the board approve the said proposition, & as soon as he has fixed on the stated time of permission, will grant passes conformably.

A Petition from Peregrine Jones, late Clerk to the Gun Factory, was read, praying an allowance beyond his Pay, to enable him to remove into the Country.

Resolved, That the Prayer of his Petition cannot be granted.

A Petition from Henry Myers, praying remission of his Fine, was read, and

Ordered, To lay upon the table till inquiry be made into his ability of Estate.

A Petition from Thomas Fell, Thomas Philips, William Rozen, & Alexander Campbell, Officers lately discharged from the State Navy, praying the same allowance as dismissed Continental Officers, & that they may receive their Prize Money out of the Wreck of the Augusta & Merlin.

Resolved, That the Secretary acquaint them by Letter That Council desire they would lay before them a state of the transactions respecting the said Wrecks, by whom the said property was taken, & in whose hands the same now is, no part thereof having been yet accounted for to the Public, as appears to this board.

Philip Weiss of Arch Street, & John Philips, of Letitia Court, formerly a Ginger-bread baker, having been represented to this board as guilty of forestalling & enhancing the Price of flour,

Ordered, That the Secretary acquaint James Young, Esquire, or some other Magistrate of the City, therewith, in order that they be brought to Justice.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday Decem. 24, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon. GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Reed,	Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Jacob Arndt, &	
Matt'w Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet, or his order, for the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his Account.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Sam'l Harris, Esq'r, or his order, for the sum of Sixty-two Pounds fifteen Shillings & three Pence, for repairing Arms for the Militia in service in the Army of Northumberland.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Mackay, Esq'r, or his order, for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

A Certificate that the Sloop Mars is laden with Provisions for the use of the French fleet, signed by the Hon'ble the Sieur Gerard, was read in Council, & thereupon

Ordered, That the Naval Officer be directed to clear out the Sloop Mars, belonging to Mr. Nesbitt.

Ordered, That Col. Lewis Farmer be appointed to purchase Rum & other Articles, for the use of the Quota of Troops of this State in the Continental Army, & to forward the same to the Army, agreeable to a Resolve of the House of Assembly, and that he be allowed two ℘ Cent for this service.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday Decem 26, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Monday Decem. 28, 1778.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, John Mackay, John Hambright, & Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Decem. 29, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice-President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	} Esq'rs.
John Mackay,	Jacob Arndt, &	
Matt'w Smith,	John Hambright,	

Major Jacob Arndt, Esq'rs account of attendance in Council, October 1777:

	£	s	d
Attendance in Council of Safety 14th & 15th October, @ 25s.	2	10	0
Attendance in Council from 5th November to the 13th December, included, 39 days @ 35s.	68	5	0
Mileage on 80 Miles @ 10d.	6	13	4
Attendance in Council from the 9th January to the 19th February, 42 days @ 35s.	73	10	0
Mileage on 80 Miles @ 10d.	6	13	4
Attendance in Council from 27th March to the 1st July, 97 days @ 35s.	169	15	0
Mileage to Lancaster, 80 Miles, @ 10d.	3	6	8
Mileage from Philadelphia home, 60 Miles,	2	10	0
Attendance from 13th July to 2d Septem., 52 days	91	0	0
Mileage on 60 Miles @ 10d.	5	0	0
Attendance from 17 Decm. to 29 Decm., 104 days @ 45s.	234	0	0
Mileage on 60 Miles @ 1s. 6	9	0	0
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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Jacob Arndt, Esq'r, or his order, for the sum of Six hundred and Seventy-two Pounds three Shillings & four Pence, for his Pay & Mileage, according to the foregoing account.

The Council taking into consideration the case of School-master, now confined in the Goal of the County of Lancaster, he having been convicted of keeping a School, not having taken the Oath of Allegiance according to Law, & fined by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Lancaster, in the sum of One hundred Pounds.

Ordered, That the fine of One hundred Pounds, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Lancaster, to be paid by Josh'a Bennett, (he having been Convicted in

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the said Court of having kept a School, not having taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the State, according to Law,) be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday December 31, 1778.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Matt'w Smith, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
John Mackay,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain John Pearson, of the 9th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of One thousand Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, the same to be charged to his account.

A Letter from Robert Morris, mentioning his receiving a number of Arms from Cape Francois, of which 167 Arms belong to this State, & that the freight of these, & of a former parcel, Amounted to £622 18.

Ordered, That 167 Stand of Arms belonging to this State of Pennsylvania, now in the hands of Rob't Morris, Esq'r, be delivered to Capt. Jos. Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Robert Morris, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred & Twenty-two Pounds & Eighteen Shillings, for the freight of Arms belonging to this State, & imported by the said Morris from Cape Francois.

The Council observing in the Pennsylvania Packet of the 29th instant, some acrimonious remarks by Brig'r Gen'l William Thompson, of this State, in the Continental Service, on the Conduct of the Hon'ble Thomas McKean, Esq'r, Chief Justice of this Commonwealth, & there being probability that the same may have reference to proceedings in Congress;

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Delegates of this State in Congress, be requested to furnish this Council with the proceedings of Congress in such Cases as may probably in any wise have given rise to those Charges & remarks, with the evidence which has appeared thereon; so far as Consistant with their duty to Congress, they are liberty to make the same known.

Council taking into Consideration the Cases of James O'Bryan & John Ellwood, now under Sentence of Death,

Ordered, That they, & each of them, be further reprieved, for & during Sixty days, & that Warrants under the less Seal, for the Stay of Execution of their Sentence, be accordingly issued.

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Ordered, That for the ensuing Year three of each of the following News Papers be taken, Viz:

Mr. Dunlap's, Mr. Bradford's, Messrs. Hall & Sellers.

Council being informed that attempts had been made by attachments, replevin & otherwise, to recover effects or Sums of Money due, or pretended to be due, to the Plaintiffs in such suits by Traitors attainted of High Treason: And

Whereas such proceedings without any Defendant to answer, may be productive of much injustice, both public & Private; To prevent therefore, the good People of this State from putting themselves to unnecessary expence & trouble, the Secretary is ordered to give Public notice, that the Attorney General has been directed to appear in behalf of the State in such suits, & move to quash all Process founded, or take such other steps as the Law may require, to prevent such irregularities, & to caution all persons against purchasing any Estate, effects heretofore belonging to such Traitor or Traitors, (unless sold by the Public Agents.)

The property thereof being clearly vested in the State by the act of General Assembly, intitled "An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Commonwealth; And for more effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful Debts & Claims thereupon," subject to all just demands, for which a remedy is given in the Supreme Court by a summary Process.

Ordered, That the Sheriff, or in his absence the Coroner, do immediately execute the Process issued by this Council on the eighth instant, upon the salt laying in Prichard's Store, on the South side of Chestnut Street Wharf; that he deliver the same to Mr. George Henry, Commissary of Stores; And it being represented to this board by the Commissary General for Provisions of the United States, that the said salt is indispensibly necessary for the use of his department, it is further

Ordered, That Mr. Henry deliver the same at the current price to the said Commissary, taking an exact account of the quantity, & returning the same to this board as soon as possible; And that upon Receipt of the purchase Money from the said Commissary General, he pay the same, deducting his charges (if any,) & his Commissions, to the Treasurer of the State.

Letter from Col. Hunter, Lieutenant of Northumberland, and laid on the Table for an Answer.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to the Lieut. of Berks County, to call upon a Col. Lindemoth, or his Lieut. Colonel, stationed last summer at Fort Jenkins, in Northumberland, for five Riffles taken from one Webb, charged with disaffection.

A Letter from Gen'l Washington, dated 27th inst., respecting the mode of supplying the Troops with Spirits & other necessaries, & recommending a Mr. Moss to give information on this subject, was read.

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Letter from Mr. Sprogell, Muster Master, inclosing a Muster Roll of the Troops ordered as an Escort to the Convention Prisoners, & requesting some Pay to be advanced to him.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday January 1, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOS. REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Read,
John Macky, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
Mathew Smith, Thomas Scott,

Petition of John Tyler, respecting his account, &ca., was read.

Ordered, To lie on the Table.

Lieu. Will'm Macpherson having communicated to this Council his intention of offering his service to Congress, & requesting a recommendation,

Ordered, That in regard to the memory of his brother Maj. John McPherson, who fell before the walls of Quebec, as well as in consideration of his own merit, this Council do recommend Lieu. William MacPherson to the favorable notice of Congress.

A Letter from Dan'l Roberdeau, Esq'r, was read.

The case of Henry Myers being now taken into consideration, & it appearing that the party injured by him had recommended him to the clemency of Council, & that he is very poor, & unable to pay his fine,

Ordered, That the fine laid by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia, on Henry Myers, now in the Gaol of the said county for misdemeanor, be remitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Robert Allison, or his order, for the sum of Three Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday January 2, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
Matthew Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

The following returns of the election for chusing persons to be returned for the consideration of Council, & appointment to be Justices of the Peace, were now read, Viz't:

For High street Ward, William Ball & Stephen Collins; For Chesnut Ward, William Adcock & Joseph Morris; For Walnut Ward, Samuel Morris & George Henry.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in fav. of the Hon'ble Joseph Hart, Esq'r, or his order, for the sum of Five Hundred & Forty one Pounds and five Shillings, for his attendance in Council Two hundred & seventy-five days, ending with the last year, Viz:

from the 1st day of April to the 2d Sept. inclusive, 155 days, a 35s. - - - - - - - - - -	£271 5 0
from Septem. 3d to Decem. 31, inclusive, 120 days, a 45s. - - - - - - - - - - -	270 0 0
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An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Joseph Hart, Esq'r, or his order, for the sum of Four Pounds & ten Shillings, for his expences in hastening the Militia of Bucks County to escort the Convention Troops thro' this State to Virginia.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Jordan, or his order, for the Sum of Eighty Four Pounds, for fourteen halling, for repairs, &ca., near the State House.

Ordered, That this Council will hear the Complaints against the Election for Councellor in the County of York, Ten days after the day appointed for the next meeting of the General Assembly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lodowick Sprogell, Muster Master, or his order, for the Sum of five hundred Dollars, to be charged to account of the said Sprogel.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday January 4, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & John Maeky, Tho's Scott, Matt'w Smith, } Esq'rs.

Capt. Boys attended in Council, & received directions to keep a guard at the Middle Ferry, to take care of the Bridge, & to spring it in case of a thaw or a fresh.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Kebz, or his order, for the sum of twelve Pounds & five Shillings, for riding Express.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Sam'l Harris, or his order, for the Sum of Eighteen Pounds and fifteen Shillings, for one Month's Service, in the issuing of Stores to the Militia in the County of Northumberland, in Continental Service.

The Petition of Matthew Clarkson, Marshall of the Admiralty, stating his difficulties with respect to the disposal of the produce of the sale of the Sloop Active & her Cargo, & "craving the orders, advice & directions of Council in that case," was read; and

On Consideration,

Ordered, That the Marshall of the Admiralty be informed that it is clearly the Opinion of this Council that he is bound to obey the orders of the Judge of the Admiralty as his immediate superior in authority, according to the best advice & Council which he (the Marshall) can obtain.

Capt. Will'm McPherson, late in the British Service, attended in Council by order, & represented that he had some Months ago resigned his Commission in the British Service, & having repeatedly to Gen'l Clinton for leave to go out of New York he had been refused, & that he made his escape from thence.

WHEREAS, the keeping of Gunpowder in or near any Town or City is highly dangerous & contrary to Law; *And whereas*, there is reason to believe that considerable quantities of Gunpowder are now Warehoused in the City of Philadelphia, & in the Towns of this State, to the endangering of the lives of many of the inhabitants, This board therefore, think proper to signify to all persons possessing of Gunpowder, that strict enquiry will be made concerning the nuisance aforesaid, & prosecutions commenced against all persons Offending in the Premises.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Dundas, Paymaster of the Workmen at Billingsport in 1777, or his order, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

A representation of the case of Edward Agnew, belonging to this State, made Prisoner at the storming of Quebec, in the year 1775, & since suffering extreme distress & hardship in effecting his escape, having failed in two attempts and been treated with great severity, & now effected it, & his representation being supported by unquestionable testimony, being laid before the Council, & the same appearing to be a case very singularly, & the spirit shewn by this brave Man to be worthy of Particular notice;

Ordered, That a draft on the Treasurer be made out in favor of the said Edward Agnew, for the Sum of Fifty Pounds, & the same was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the case of the above mentioned Edw'd Agnew, be recomended to the Board of War as highly deserving their particular notice.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday January 5, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Read,
John Macky, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
Matthew Smith, Thomas Scott,

Capt. Fowler, late in the British service, attended in Council, and represented that the ill treatment he had received in the British service, had induced him, in the year 1775, to sell out, & that he had now brought with him his Wife to settle in this Country, having come by the way of France.

The Council took into consideration the returns of Magistrates elect for divers Wards in this City of Philadelphia; & thereupon,

Ordered, That William Ball, Will'm Adcock, & Sam'l Morris, the younger, be appointed & commissioned to be Justices of the Peace for the City of Philadelphia.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday January 6, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
Matthew Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

An account of Work done by Evans & Matlack at the Market House, was laid before the Council, in which the Journeymens' Wages is charged at three Dollars, & the Superintendants' at Six Dollars ℔ day, which the Council are of opinion is not higher than other Workmen now charge.

The Council being informed that some of the Armed Vessels belonging to this State, had (last winter) taken some Prizes, and Commodore Hazlewood now applying for the direction of Council, as to the distribution of the Money arising from the sale of the same;

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Prize Money arizing from the Prizes heretofore taken by armed boats belonging to this State, be divided in the following manner, Viz: The Commodore to draw one twelfth part of the whole; Captains, (each) four Shares; First Lieutenants, Two and half Shares; Second Lieutenants, One & two-third Shares; Masters, one & two-third Shares; Mates, one & one-third Shares; Gunners, one & one-third Shares; Clerks of the Ship and of the Battery, each one & one sixth Shares; Stewards of the same, one & one-sixth Shares; Boatswains, one & one-third Shares; Carpenters, one & one-third Shares; Armourer, one & one-twelfth Shares; Clerk & Steward, each one & one-third Shares; Privates, one Share; Cook, one Share; Drummers & Fifes, five-sixths of a Share, each; Boys, one-half of a Share, each; Chief Surgeon of the Fleet, (Ship excepted,) & Artillery and Director of the Hospital, four & one-sixth Shares; Surgeon, four Shares; Surgeons' Mate, one & two-third Shares; Other Petty Officers, if any, one & Two-twelfth Shares.

Council having observed in the Pennsylvania Packet a publication signed by William Thompson, Esq'r, a Brig'r General of this State in the Continental Service, containing very high charges against Thomas McKean, Esq'r, Chief Justice of this State, A Publication of the said Thomas M'Kean, wholly denying that there is any ground or foundation for such charges, either Public or Private, and having also perused the proceedings of Congress alluded to in said Publication, and duly considering that the interest

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and Honor of the State are deeply affected by such charges, that if true and well grounded, such unworthy characters may be removed from Offices of Honor and trust, or if ill-founded, that reparation be made to the injured Honor and dignity of the State, Do order, that the Secretary request Gen'l Thompson's attendance in Council to-morrow Morning, at eleven O'Clock, to give the Board such information and satisfaction in the Premises, as the interests of the State in such cases require.

A Copy of which foregoing order, was immediately forwarded by the Secretary to Gen'l Thompson.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday January 7, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
Matthew Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William C. Bradford, Paymaster of the State Fleet, or his order, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, to pay off the State Fleet, and charge the same to account of the said Paymaster.

A Letter from Brig'r Gen'l Thompson, assigning reasons for declining to attend the Council.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday January 8, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	John Hambright, &	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	Tho's Scott,	
Jas. Read,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Lewis Farmer, or his order, for the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, to purchase Rum, Sugar & other necessaries, for the Troops of this State in Continental Service, agreeable to the Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, the said Sum to be charged to Col. Farmer's acco't.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Thompson, or his order, for the Sum of Thirty-six Pounds Seven Shillings & Sixpence, for a Bill of Cooperage, on board the State Schooner Delaware.

A petition of Capt. George Honey, of the Town Guards, representing that there is two Month's Pay due to them, Viz: August & September, 1777, & that upon application to the board of Treasury at Mr. Gibson's House, the accounts are delayed, & praying this Council to grant an order or requisition to the proper department, that the said accounts may be speedily settled, & what is due thereon paid, was read;

And on consideration,

Ordered, That in consideration of the poverty & necessity of the Petitioners, this Council do request of the board of Treasury to give an early attention to the claims of the Company of Town Guards.

A Letter from John & Alex'r Wilcocks, relating to a quantity of Salt claimed by the State, was read.

The report of a Joint Committee of Congress & of this Board, concerning divers quantities of Salt left in this City by the Enemy, was read;

And on consideration,

Ordered, That a Warrant under the less Seal of the State be issued, Commanding the Sheriff of the City & County of Philadelphia to Seize a quantity of Salt abandoned by the Enemy, & now lying in a Store the South side of Chestnut Street, & to make report thereof to this Council forthwith.

Ordered, That a Copy of the report of the said joint Committee of Congress, & of this Council, relating to the Salt now in the Stores belonging to Joseph Pritchard, on the South side of Chestnut Street Wharf, be laid before the State Attorney, for his opinion; And that he be authorized, if he shall think it necessary, to consult such able Council as he may think proper, and report to this Council as soon as may be.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday January 9, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

Joseph Hart, James Read, &
John Macky, Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
Matthew Smith,

An application from Matthew Irwin, Andrew Hodge, & John Bayard, for some broken Cannon, taking out of the Augusta, & now

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lying at Kensington, to be used as Ballast for some armed Briggs belonging to them, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That George Henry, Esq'r, be directed to sell, at their reasonable value, such of the Cannon taken out of the Augusta as are unfit for further use & cannot be repaired.

The Hon'ble Tho's Scott, Esq'r, laid before the Council a draft of this board on the Treasurer, in the following Words, Viz:

"For £2000.

"In Council, Philad'a, Septem. 12, 1778.

"Pay to Mr. Moses Watson the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to be by him delivered to Colo. John Proctor, Paymaster of Militia for the County of Westmoreland, & charge the same to the said John Proctor.

"GEO. BRYAN, Vice President.

"To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Esq'r, Treasurer. } & underwritten, "Accepted Sept. 22, 1778.

"DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Treasurer."

And the same appearing not to have been paid, it was endorsed as returned unpaid.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favour of the Hon'ble Thos. Scott, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to be by him delivered to Col. John Proctor, Paymaster of Militia for the County of Westmoreland, & to be charged to Colo. Proctor.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Henry Piercy, of the 2d Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, to be charged to the said Piercy.

The Council took into consideration the representation of Rob't Smith, County Lieutenant, & Andrew Boyd, Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Chester, respecting the Commissioners & Assessors of the County of Chester, not legally elected, continuing to set, notwithstanding the determination of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly respecting the election of the said County; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to write to the Commissioners & Assessors of the County of Chester, elected according to Law, to take their seats at the board, & proceed to the duties of their office.

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Minutes January 10, 1779.

Ordered, That Mr. Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, receive the following Articles, & that his Receipt be a discharge to Mr. Dehaven, Viz:

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139 Setts of Gun-mounting, complete & finished, Stamps & brands; 113 Gun Locks; 237 Gun barrels; 121 lbs. Lead; 141 New Muskets, wanting Bayonets & Ramrods; 25 New Muskets, wanting Ramrods only; 18 ditto complete; 300 Gun Stocks.

The President laid before the Board a Letter from the Hon'ble the President of Congress, inclosing sundry resolutions of Congress.

"First—To enact Laws for detecting persons employed in making Counterfeit Money, or passing it knowingly, dated 1 Jan'ry, 1779.

"Secondly—In calling in 15 Millions of Dollars the ensuing Year, & 6 Millions annually for 18 Years to come.

"Thirdly—In calling in the Emissions of May 11, 20, 1777, and April 11, 1778, both dated Jan'ry 2, 1779.

"Fourthly—In fixing the several Quotas of the said 15 Millions upon the respective States in the Union, Dated Jan'ry 5, 1779."

Ordered, That the same be filed, in order to be laid before the Hon'ble House of Assembly at the next meeting.

Ordered, That the Fine upon John Smallwood be remitted, & his offence pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday Jan'ry 11, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
John Macky, Tho's Scott, }

Petition of John Smallwood, now confined in the Goal of thir City, setting forth that he had been fined by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, for the Sum of Fifty Pounds, & praying the said fine may be remitted and he enlarged from imprisonment, was read; And a Certificate signed by Dr. Fred'k Phile, being also read, that the said John Smallwood was very ill with the Rheumatism all over his body, &ca.; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine & imprisonment of John Smallwood, now confined in the Goal of the City of Philadelphia, be remitted, in consideration of his great indisposition of body.

David Caldwell laid before the Council a draft of the late State Navy board on Will'm Webb, Pay-master, for the Sum of £141 10 11, "to be charged to the Continental Navy board," and it appearing by Certificate that the same remains unpaid; and thereupon,

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said David Caldwell, for the Sum of One hundred & forty-one Pounds Ten Shillings & Eleven Pence, to be charged to the Continental Navy board, to which the draft on the Treasurer of the Navy board was annexed.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Jan'ry 12, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
Matthew Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

Proposals from Mr. Joseph Ogden for renting the Ferry on Schuylkill, belonging to the City, was read & rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary give notice in the Papers that the House & bridge at the Middle Ferry is to be Rented, and the Secretary will receive proposals from any person disposed to Rent the same.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Parker, Bricklayer, for the Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Same day—Afternoon.

Present as Before noon:

Also, David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer; Daniel Roberdeau & William Shippen, Esquires, Delegates of this State in Congress.

And the Council conferred with the said Gentlemen on the situation of the State Treasury, & the probable effects which the Resolves of Congress for calling in the Bills of credit emitted by them of 11th of April & of the 20th May, will produce thereon.

Capt. Joseph Dean, William Pringle, Mr. Purviance, & others, attended the Council, & represented, That a considerable number of sailors had assembled together under pretence of raising their Wages, & had committed several unwarrantable acts of a dangerous tendency, unrigging Vessels, & taking away by force the Workmen employed on board them.

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The Council thereupon recommended, by Letter to Plunkett Fleeson & Benja. Paschall, Esq'rs, & others, the Justices, to exert themselves in suppressing the said Riot, & bringing the offenders to Justice; And there appearing an order of the Board of War to Gen'l Arnold, to give such Military assistance as this Council shall apply for,

Ordered, That Maj. Gen'l Arnold be requested to give such aid to the Justices of the Peace of this city as they shall apply for, to suppress a Riot among the sailors.

James Claypoole, Esq'r, made returns of an Election chusing a Representative for the City of Philadelphia, to serve in General Assembly, held on the 5th instant, and the same was read; whereby it appears that Will'm Hollingshead was duly elected a Representative in General Assembly for the said City.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Jan'ry 13, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
Matthew Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Alexa. Crawford, or his order, for the sum of Thirty-four Pounds & Fifteen Shillings, for stone Work done at the Privy in the State House yard.

The Memorial of David Brown & Edw'd Randolph, Lieuts. of the fourth Pennsylvania Reg't, setting forth that they had been stationed on the Frontiers of the State, & were in great distress for want of cloathing, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Lieuts. David Brown & Edw'd Randolph, of the 4th Pennsylvania Reg't, be furnished by Jacob S. Howell, State Clothier, with each one suit of cloaths, 2 shirts and 2 pair of stockings.

The Account of Lieu. Jacob Mosser, of the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't, for Money advanced to Recruits, & for his service therein, was inspected; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Philip Mosser, of the 6th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, For the Sum of Four hundred Dollars, for the recruiting service, to be charged to his account.

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An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Timothy Matlack, Secretary, or his order, for the sum of Eight hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Mathew Smith, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Six hundred Dollars, & charge the same to his account.

Petition of Susanna Logan, praying a pass into New York, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Susana Logan, not to return unless her Husband shall return with her.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Robert Allison, or his order, for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

WHEREAS, Verbal applications have by experience, proved very inconvenient to this Board, & productive of great delay to the Public business; therefore,

Ordered, That the Secretary do give notice, that except in extraordinary cases, all applications to council are to be made in Writing, when they will be considered and dispatched in the order of time, in which they are presented.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A Thursday January 14, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Hambright, James Read &
Jos. Hart, Matt'w Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

Agreeable to a request of the Council, Maj. General Green, Quarter Master General, attended in Council & entered into conference on the Subject of the Bridge over Schuylkill, at the end of Market Street, Col. John Coxe & Col. Charles Petit, assistant Quarter Masters, also attended:

Joseph Ledree & Sam'l Oliver, presented to Council a return of a Warrant for the holding an Election for chusing, by the freeholders of South Ward, two fit persons to be returned to this Council for the purpose of one of them to be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia, from which it appears that no Voters had appeared at the time and place appointed for holding the said Elections.

Ordered, That the Delegates of this State in Congress, be directed to apply to Congress for an advance of Sixty Thousand Pounds,

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which is become necessary, not only from the great expenditures of the State for Congress, but much the more so by the resolve of Congress of the 2d instant, for calling in two emissions of their Bills of Credit.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Friday January 15, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Hambright, James Read, &
Jos. Hart, Math'w Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

The Petition of Capt. Chris'r Getting, of the twelfth Regiment of Pennsylvania, who was wounded, taken Prisoner, lost a Leg, and now on Parole & in want of Cloathing, & praying a suit of Officer's Regimental Cloathing, was read; & on consideration,

Ordered, That Jacob S. Howell, the State Clothier, be directed to furnish Capt. Christ'r Getting, of the 12th Pennsylvania Regiment, with a suit of Officer's Regimental Cloathing.

The application of Capt. Will'm Mackey, of the — Pennsylvania Regiment, who was wounded at the Battle of Brandywine, taken Prisoner & now on Parole, praying for a suit of Cloaths, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That Capt. Will'm Mackey be furnished by Jacob S. Howell, State Cloathier, with a suit of Cloaths & two Shirts.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Benjamin Paschal, Esq'r, be appointed & Commissioned to be one of the Justices of the City Court of Philadelphia.

The Petition of Mess. Purviance, Dean & Harbeson, praying to be supplied with divers Stores, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Capt. Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to furnish Mess. Purviance, Dean & Harbeson, with 250lbs Gunpowder, 50 lbs Match Rope & 200 3lb & 4lbs Bunches of Grape Shot, if they can be spared from the Public Stock, they paying a reasonable Price for the same.

Capt. M'Cullough's recruiting account was inspected; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. James McCullough, of the 5th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred Dollars, for the recruiting Service, & to be charged to his account.

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An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieu. Alex'r Russel, of the 7th Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Two hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting Service, & to be charged to his account.

The Council took into consideration the return of the Election for chusing fit persons to be presented to this Council.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday January 16, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Macky, John Hambright, & Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
Jas. Read,

Mrs. Parrock, Wife of John Parrock, late of the City of Philadelphia, attended in Council in consequence of the order of yesterday. (she was attended by Mr. John Drinker & his Wife.) Mrs. Parrock being informed that the Council had received intelligence of her having been lately in the City of New York, She replied that she had really not been there, nor out of this State; And upon being informed of the complaint of George Becktel against her, respecting her demand of Rent, & that the Council conceived the Rent was not payable to her, it being forfeited to the State by her Husband; To which she replied, That the Estate was her own, being conveyed in trust by her Father to her use, & that she was ready to shew her Title; & thereupon,

Ordered, That it be recommended to Jonathan D. Sergeant, Esq'r, Attorney General, to inspect the Title of Mrs. Mary Parrock to a House & Lot of ground in Spring Garden, in the possession of George Becktel, which she claims to hold independent of her Husband, John Parrock, & of such other Estate as she may claim to hold in her own right, if she shall lay the same before him, & report to this Council his opinion thereon.

Frederick Snyder's account of sundry small expences paid by him, & for his attendance on Council from the 12th of October to the 12th instant inclusive, being examined & allowed,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Snyder, Door-keeper, for the sum of Two Hundred & Two pounds four Shillings & Seven pence, the Amount of his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Tyler, or his order, for the sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

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Ordered, That Frederick Hagner, Esq'r, be appointed to go to Northampton & receive from John Tyler all the public property in his hands, & transmit such of them as may properly be moved, to Capt. Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores in this City, And to sell such buildings and other property in that Town which may belong to the State.

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry deliver to Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, or his order, such Stores now in his hands as he may have occasion for from time to time.

The Petition of Robert Shewell, praying in effect that the Council order Mr. Isaac Wikoff to pay him for certain effects detained by him from the Petitioner, was read & dismissed, The Council having no power over Mr. Wikoff, & not being disposed to relinquish the claim of the State, without further consideration.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday Jan'ry 18, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon. GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Mackay, Ja's Read, & Matt'w Smith, Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.

A Letter from Thomas Adams, Francis Lightfoot, and Meriwether Smith, Esq'rs, Delegates of the State of Virginia in Congress, inclosing the Resolves of the House of Delegates of the State of Virginia on the 9th of December, 1778, respecting the line between the two States, was read.

A Letter from Dan'l Roberdeau, Esq'r, inclosing a Resolve of Congress, in the following words, Viz't:

"In Congress, Jan'ry 16, 1779.

"The Delegates of Pennsylvania laid before the Congress a Letter of 14th, from the President of that State in Council, instructing them to apply to Congress for an advance of Sixty Thousand Pounds, for the use of that State; whereupon, on motion,

"*Resolved*, That the Sum of One Hundred & Sixty Thousand Dollars be advanced to the State of Pennsylvania, the said State to be accountable.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y."

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Ordered, That the Sum of One hundred & Sixty Thousand Dollars, ordered by Congress on 16th instant to be advanced to this State of Pennsylvania, be paid to David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State.

In Council.

MONDAY EVENING, Jan'ry 18, 1779.

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry apply to the Attorney General, & state the proceedings respecting the Salt lately seized by order of the Council in Jos. Pritchard's Store, and take his direction further on the matter; That Mr. Henry also employ an assistant Council, to be recommended by the Attorney General, & advance from the Money in his hands the necessary Fee; & that the Attorney General be desired to get the Replevin issued at the suit of Mr. Wilcox, quashed at the next Court, if, upon consideration, he & the assistant Council shall judge it consistant with the rules of Law; & that in the mean time Mr. Henry be directed to see that the seizure extend to all the Salt left in the City by Backham & Ashton, British Merchants; But if it shall be found that the said salt is in the Possession of the Commissioners of the United States, he is directed to permit them to return it, upon their engagement to account to the State for the value, if the property of the Salt shall be finally determined to be in this State; And that Mr. Henry be furnished with a Copy of this order.

Ordered, That Mr. Howell, Commissary of Cloathing, get the Cloth on hand cut out into suits of suitable sizes, & forward it to the Camp; that if there are not trimings on hand sufficient, to procure them & fold them up in each suit.

Petition of Robert Macky, setting forth that a valuation of the armed Boat Viper, made by Emanuel Eyre and Joseph Carson, in pursuance of an order of this Council, was lost, &ca, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Benjamin Eyre & Mr. Joseph Carson be requested to Certify to the Council their valuation of the armed boat Viper, retaken by Mr. Robert Macky last Summer.

The Council resumed the consideration of the case of the property in the hands of Mr. Wikoff, imported in the Flora, claimed by Mr. Robert Shewell, & which Mr. Wikoff has engaged to account for to this Council.

Ordered, That Thursday the fourth day of February next, be appointed to hear Mr. Robert Shewell & Mr. Isaac Wikoff, respecting part of the Cargo of the Flora, which Mr Wikoff has engaged to account for to this Council, and which Mr. Shewell claims as his property; And that the Secretary give notice hereof to the parties.

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The following Proclamation against forestalling being read & approved, was ordered to be published under the State Seal, signed by the President & attested by the Secretary.

"*Pennsylvania, ss:*

"*By the Supreme Executive Council of the Common-Wealth of Pennsylvania:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, The forestalling the Markets & engrossing great quantities of Articles of usual Consumption, have a manifest tendency to enhance the prices, odious & punishable by Law; But when such practices are extended to Bread & the other necessaries of life, they become distressing and ruinous to the industrious poor, & most heinously criminal. In order therefore, to prevent as much as possible the inhabitants of this State from unwaringly falling into such dangerous & illegal practices, We do hereby make it known, that we have caused prosecutions to be commenced against some persons Charged with the above offences, and we do strictly charge the Justices of the Peace, Constables & other civil Officers, to make due enquiry into the above offences; & we do require the faithful inhabitants & Subjects of this State to whose knowledge the same may come, to make discovery thereof to the Officers of Justice, in order that the perpetrators may be brought to speedy & condign punishment.

"Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, & the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this eighteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy-Nine.

JOSEPH REED, President.

"Attested by order of the Council, T. MATLACK, Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH."

Whereas, The wisest, freest, & bravest nations, in the most virtuous times, have endeavoured to perpetuate the memory of those who have rendered their Country distinguished services, by preserving their resemblances in Statues & Paintings; This Council, Deeply sensible how much the liberty, safety, & happiness of America in General, & Pennsylvania in particular, is owing to His Excell'y General Washington & the brave men under his Command, do resolve, That His Excell'y Gen'l Washington be requested to permit this Council to place his Portrait in the Council Chamber, not only as a mark of the great respect which they bear to His Excellency, but that the contemplation of it may excite others to tread in the same glorious & disinterested Steps which lead to public happiness and private honor, And that the President

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be desired to wait on his Excellency the General, with the above request, and if granted to enquire when & where it will be most agreeable to him for Mr. Peale to attend him.

A Representation having been made by Colo. Andrew Boyd, Waggon Master of the County of Chester, thro' James Young, Esq'r, W. M. G. S., to this Board, that Jesse Jordan, a deputy Waggon Master, was sent by Col. Boyd with a Brigade of twelve Waggons to Philadelphia, under the Waggon Law of this State, to convey Provisions from thence to New Windsor, in consequence of orders from him, the Waggon Master General, of the 27th Septem. last, & that when the said Jorden returned home, he informed Col. Boyd that when he arrived in Philadelphia with his Brigade, he applied to John Mitchell, Esq'r, Deputy Quarter Master General, for loading, who sent him with his Brigade to Egg harbour without loading, with orders to load Merchandize there of private property, & return with it to Philadelphia, which he did, that the loading was delivered there into private stores;

On consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Mitchell be requested to state to Council, in Writing, the transaction relating to Jordan's Brigade of Waggons sent by him to Egg harbour, ascertaining the property, or to whom the same was delivered.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday Jan'ry 19, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
Matthew Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Macky, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Lewis Farmer, Commissary for purchasing a supply of necessaries for the Pennsylvania Forces, or his order, for the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Jan'ry 20, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Read,
John Macky, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
Matthew Smith, Thomas Scott,

The Council having considered the case of John Hays, Allen M'Cultom,

Ordered, That the Paymaster of the State Fleet do pay off Allen M'Cultom & John Hays, the first to the 22d, the other to the 21st of September last, from which time they are to be deemed discharged from the service.

The Council having obtained a state of the claim of Col. Atlee, to an appointment as a Brig'r General in the Continental Army,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, & his opinion requested thereon, and it was sent accordingly.

A Letter from Gov. Morris & Will'm Whipples, Esquires, dated the 19th inst., was read.

WHEREAS, it is alleged that the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the City of Philadelphia, had adjourned so early that divers persons said to have been guilty of misprission of Treason, remained without trial, and this Council conceiving the speedy trial of persons so charged to be of great importance to the Safety of the State; *And Whereas*, it is understood that the sitting of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, will render it necessary for the said City Court to adjourn:

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to write to the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the City of Philadelphia, & inform them it is the desire of this Council that the said Court be adjourned to a short day, then to meet, attended by the Grand Inquest of the City, in order to afford time for the trial of Persons charged with Misprissions of Treasons.

Robert Macky laid before the Council a Valuation of the Armed boat Viper, retaken by him from the Enemy, signed by Benja. G. Eyre & Joseph Carson, amounting to three hundred & fifteen Pounds; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Rob't Macky, or his order, for the Sum of One hundred & fifty-seven Pounds & Ten Shillings, his right of Salvage of the armed boat Viper.

Petition of Elizabeth Atkinson, praying a Pass to New York, was read, & granted, not to return.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday January 21, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright &	
Matthew Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major Will'm Armstrong, Pay-master of the Workmen employed at Billingsport, or his order, for the Sum of Two hundred & fifty Pounds, to be charged to account of the said Armstrong.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday January 22, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
Matthew Smith,	Thomas Scott,	

Council having received from John Mitchell, Esq'r, D. Q. M. G., a State of the transaction desired in pursuance of the Resolve of Congress of the inst., by which it appears he acted therein in consequence of orders from Maj. Gen'l Arnold;

Ordered, That the Secretary make out a Copy of said Minute with Mr. Mitchell's Statement, & transmit them to Maj. Gen'l Arnold, requesting him to inform this board whether the property for which the said Waggons was ordered, was public or private; if the latter, to whom the same belonged, & farther to inform this board by virtue of what Resolve of Congress or other Authority, Public Waggons of this State were sent into another State to do business merely of a private nature.

Ordered, Also, that the Q. M. Gen'l be desired to order Jesse Jordan, a Waggon-master in his employ, to attend this board to Satisfy them with respect to the employ of the Public Waggons of this State in September last.

The Council taking into consideration the case of the bridge over Schuylkill, as it relates to the Army of the United States, and allowing 6 Waggons P day passing the Bridge over Schuylkill at

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7s. 6 each Waggon, which is not an improper advance on the old price of 1s. 3 each, there will be due for Passage £821 5.

Council thereupon, observing that the number of Waggons estimated by the Gentlemen of the Quarter Master's department was 10, think that fixing the Sum at £800 ℔ Annum, they consult the Interest of the State, with a due regard to that of the United States; And thereupon, propose that Sum for One Year only. The State supporting the Bridge, or in case of unavoidable accidents, keeping up a Ferry 'till the Bridge can be repaired.

Ordered, That Maj. John Curgill be requested to attend this board forthwith, to answer a complaint exhibited against him from the Quarter Master's department, of obstructing the passage of Public Waggons at his Ferry, to the great injury of the service of the United States, & the distress of the neighboring Farmers, whose Foreage is consumed by the detained Waggons.

The Petition of Will'm Sproat, Lieu. of the 4th Pennsylv'a Regiment, was read; thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Howell, State Clothier, do furnish Will'm Sproat, Lieu. of the 4th Pennsylv'a Reg't, with a suit of Cloaths, 2 Shirts. & 2 pair of Stockings.

Ordered, That Public notice be given, that the arrangement of the Army being now nearly completed, all Officers of the State not provided for, who have been Prisoners with the Enemy & are exchanged or otherwise released, & propose to enter into the service again, are requested, agreeable to the Resolution of Congress of the 24th Novem. last, to signify their intention to the President of the State without delay, otherwise they will be omitted, & the Register made out accordingly, in which case it will be very difficult & inconvenient to restore them to their proper Rank.

T. MATLACK, Sec'y.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday January 28, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, James Read,
John Macky, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
Mathew Smith, Thomas Scott,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet, or his order, for the sum of Three Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excell'y Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, or his order, for the sum of five hundred pounds, in part of his yearly salary.

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr Peter Dehaven, or his order, for the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, & charge the same to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Matt'w. Smith, or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred Pounds, to be by him forwarded to Mr. Thomas Jordon, Pay-Master of Militia of the County of Northumberland, to be charged to the said Jordon.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of His Excellency Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred & Twenty Pounds, for his attendance in Council to the 12th of October last.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Monday January 25, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jas. Read, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

A Letter from the Hon'ble James Ewing, Esq'r, requesting that Summons may be issued for the attendance of the following persons before this Council, on the 10th day of February next, the day appointed to hear evidence on the contested returns of annual Election held for the County of York, to wit: Alex'r Teas & Benj'a Pedan, Esq'rs, & Sam'l Russell, James McKnight, Will'm Boyd, Nathan'l McGuire, Nicholas Swartz & Matthew Adams, all of York County; thereupon,

Ordered, That Summons be issued accordingly.

The Resolve of Congress of the 21st August being read, & a Letter dated October 3, 1778, Signed Matthew Clarkson, A. D. Camp, directed to Gen'l Maxwell & Col. Shreuer, respecting the Passage of one Miss Levy of this State to New York, being also read, & the proceedings of this board being also considered, upon which it appeared that Maj'r Gen'l Arnold, to whom M. Clarkson is A. D. Camp, without disclosing the transaction, requested of this Board Permission for the said Miss Levy to go to New York, which for good reasons mentioned by the Vice President in his Letter in answer, had been refused;

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to Major Clarkson, & request his attendance in Council to-morrow at 12 O'Clock, to give this Board such information herein as may be necessary.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday January 26, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jas. Read, & John Hambright. } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

A Letter from M. Clarkson, A. D. C. of this day's date, denying the right of Council to call him before them.

A Resolve of Congress of the 9th February, 1778, was read, & also a Resolve of Congress of the 21st August last;

And on consideration,

Ordered, That a summons under the less Seal of the State be issued requiring Matthew Clarkson, Aid-da-Camp to Maj'r Gen'l Arnold, to attend this Council to-morrow at 12 O'Clock.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday January 27, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, James Read, & Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

A Letter from Gen'l. Roberdeau, containing the following Resolve of Congress of the 26th instant, Viz:

"In Congress, January 26, 1779.

"A Letter of the 25th, from His Excellency Joseph Read, Esq'r, President of Pennsylvania, was read.

"*Ordered*, That it be referred to a Committee of five; the Members chosen Mr. Paica, Mr. Burk, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Holton, & Mr. Root.

"*Ordered*, That the Committee proceed thereon, & having conferred with the President & Council of this State on the Subject of the said Letter, make Report with all convenient speed.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y,"

was read, & thereupon the Committee mentioned attended in Council & a free conference thereon was had for several hours.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday January 28, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Hambright, James Read, &
Jos. Hart, Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Aaron Levy, or his order, for the Sum of one hundred & fifty-nine Pounds & five Shillings, for Gunpowder, supplied by him to the Militia of Northumberland County.

Petition of George Allen, belonging to the Armed boat Fame, aged 55 years, setting forth his ailment & inability to serve longer, and praying to be discharged, was read; & on consideration,

Ordered, George Allen, now belonging to the armed boat Fame, be discharged, he being unfit for duty.

The Memorial of Jonathan Cowpland, late Captain of the guard boat Hawk, belonging to the State, now a Prisoner under Parole, praying to have his subsistence until his exchange can be effected, was read; and on Consideration,

Ordered, That the Pay & Rations of Capt. Jonathan Cowpland, late of the armed boat Hawk, now a Prisoner on Parole, be continued until he be exchanged, until further orders from this Council herein.

A Petition from John Wilson, of the Hancock, was read, praying to be allowed Pay as 1st. Lieutenant.

Ordered, That the Secretary send the said Petition to W. C. Bradford, the Paymaster of the State Fleet, & desire him to State the matter to Council.

A Letter from the Sieur Gerard was read, relating to a duel said to be fought, in which a French Gentleman was said to be a Party,

Plunket Fleeson, Esq'r, attended the Council, and informed the Council That he had made diligent enquiry concerning a duel, said to have been lately fought between Capt. Dougherty & a French Gentleman, in which the latter was reported to have been wounded, & to have died of his wounds; and having examined on Oath divers Witnesses thereon, he can trace it only as a report from Capt. Dougherty.

And a Letter from the Hon'ble the Sieur Gerard, Minister Plenipotentiary of His Most Christian Majesty, in answer to one from this Council to him, was read, whereby it appeared that he was satisfied there was not any foundation for the report that a Gentleman of his nation had been killed in a duel in this City.

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Passes to New York not to return, granted to Eliza Rabb, Cath. Ebert, Sarah Hughes, & Christiana Peskets, but to carry no uninspected Letters or Papers.

The Petition of Dav'd Franks, late Commissary of British Prisoners, Praying that Patrick Rice, his Clerk, may have a Pass to go into New York to make a Settlement of accounts with the Commander-in-Chief, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. David Franks, for the special circumstances of his case, obtain the approbation of Congress before this Council grant a Pass to his Clerk to go into New York.

A Letter from Gen'l McIntosh states an inconvenience in the Militia Law, from the short period of Service.

Ordered, That the same be filed, & laid before the Assembly at their next meeting.

Ordered, That a Proclamation issue agreeable to Act of Assembly, for attainting Thomas Gordon, of Oxford Township; Holan Jones, Hatter, late of German Town Township; Isaac Taylor, of Whitpain Township, Yeoman; John Robinson of said Township, Cordwainer; Daniel Jones, of the Manor of Moreland, Yeoman; all of the County of Philadelphia; John Clark, late of the Northern Liberties, Yeoman.*

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday January 29, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Hambright, Ja's Read, & Thom's Scott, } Esq'rs.
Jos. Hart,
John Macky,

A Letter to the Committee of Congress, consisting of Mr. Paca, & others, enclosing the Papers & extracts relating to the brigade of Waggons sent by Gen'l Arnold to Egg Harbour.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Francis Bayley, or his order, for the Sum of One Hundred & Ten Pounds and fifteen shillings, balance due for Printing Work.

* For the Proclamation see June 22d, following.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday January 30, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
John Macky, &
Thomas Scott, } Esq'rs.

Jesse Jordan, 12 Waggons under his command; First orders to go to N. River; Mr. Rush ordered him to go to Gen'l Arnold for orders. He went & received the written orders contained in the Letter of D. S. Franks, but had no information of the goods being private property; Capt. Moore met him at Coopers' Ferry, & they went to the forks of Egg Harbor under his directions; they were loaded with sugar, Tea, Coffee, sails, Rigging, swivel Guns, & other Goods. A young Man, who was with Capt. Moore, did not deny that the Goods were private property; They were said to be Rob Shewell's Goods, & others; gave a certificate for his Ferriage on going & coming; Did not apprehend danger from the Enemy; went down empty; would not have gone with his consent if he had known the errand was for private property; came out to do a Tour of duty; Waggons mostly came over the River loaded; gave no receipt for the goods, as Moore was with him & had the charge of the Goods; part of the goods were delivered up Second Street; The other Man who was with Moore he thinks, was the name of Clark; received Continental Forage; did not receive Pay on his return; One of the Waggons unloaded in Second Street, not far from the Church; Several Waggons unloaded at Jesse Williamson's Ferry, about 22 bushels of Coffee; Drew two days forage on his return. Did not ask his pay when he returned; Mitchell said he would see us paid & he expected he was to be paid by the Public as usual; Mitchell said nothing to J. J. about Gen. Arnold on their return; Applied yesterday to Mr. Mitchell for his money. Several Waggons were rendered unfit for further service, and he, J. Jordon, was permitted to return home on his own expence, & he intended to return again to go to the North River. David Cochran returned again after having gone home. Had no conversation with Mr. Mitchell about Pay, that matter was left to Mr. Jordon. J. Jordon says, that until he was within 20 or 25 miles of Egg Harbor he was "sure that he was going for a load of Provisions. He made out his account as was usual, for his Services as when in the Continental service; That on shewing it to Mr. Mitchell, he said The Waggons were all appraised before they went into service; J. J. must go to Gen'l Arnold for his pay, & ordered him to charge 75s p ᵈ day, & to pay the difference between that

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Sum & the usual Continental to the Forage Master; That on applying to Gen'l Arnold he bid him call again in the Evening. The first he knew of the errand to Egg Harbor being a private one was in consequence of a refusal of Rations, until he had shewn his orders signed by D. S. Franks; The difference in heading the two accounts shewn was made by Mr. Mitchell's order; the first being a charge against the United States, the second against Gen'l Arnold; Mr. Mitchell differed with him & insisted on striking off two days of the time he was coming to Philadelphia, altho' he sate out one day later than others (came the same distance) who did not arrive 'till two days after, & who were, notwithstanding, allowed their whole Price. Mr. Mitchell insisted on his settling this matter, & on his saying he would leave it unsettled, Mr. Mitchell said he should settle it, & if he did not Mr. Mitchell would make him a Prisoner; That J. J. being determined not to be made a Prisoner, that night he came off; He did not see Gen'l Arnold when he went the second time, but there was a Note round the account, expressing that he, Gen'l Arnold, would only Pay from the day the Waggons left Philadelphia, & that Mr. Mitchell might Pay the remainder. Mr. Mitchell wrote to Gen. Arnold that he must pay the whole amount; Had not directions from Mr. Mitchell to attend, but came of his own accord; Mitchell said J. J. would have to go before the Council about this business, but said no more to him about it; Mitchell said it was a business in which the Public had nothing to do; but said that the two days must be struck off, as he would not have paid it in of the Public; Would not have entered in private service at the time, as he knew he must perform his tour of duty, he chose to do it while the Roads were good; At the time he was called out he was offered £6 5 p day, if he found himself, to go to Indian River for salt; Shewell did not appear in this business.

Ordered, That Jesse Jordan, David Cochran, John Boyd, do remain in the City 'till to-morrow, to give Testimony on the business before mentioned; and that they attend at Plunket Fleeson, Esq'r's, to-morrow Morning at ten O'Clock.

Ordered, That Jesse Jordan, Deputy Waggon Master, David Cochran & John Boyd, Waggon Drivers, be examined before Plunket Fleeson, Esq'r, to-morrow at ten O'Clock in the Forenoon, concerning the employing of a Brigade of the Public Waggons belonging to this State, called forth into Continental service in October last, by order of Gen'l Arnold, as is alledged, in order that the Affidavits may be taken therein of the said J. Jordan, D. Cochran, & J. Boyd.

Ordered, That Maj. Gen'l Arnold be notified to attend the aforesaid examination, if he shall think proper so to do, & that the Attorney General be also notified to attend.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday Feb'ry 1, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jas. Read, &	Esq'rs.
Jac. Arndt,	Matt'w Smith,	
John Macky,		

The President laid before the Board a Letter from the President & Council of Massachusetts Bay, dated 14th January, 1779, representing a great scarcity of Bread, & requesting a suspension of the Embargo for their relief.

Ordered, That the Receipt of said Letter be acknowledged, & when this Board shall hear from Congress, to whom the said State hath also addressed itself, a further answer be given.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Robert Allison, or his order, for the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his, the said Allison's, account.

Also, in favor of Jacob Rotter, or his order, for the Sum of One hundred & Fifty-three Pounds, for Thirty-four days' hire of a light Waggon, to carry the Quaker Prisoners to Virginia.

Also, an order in favor of John Dialog, or his order, for the Sum of One hundred & fifty-three Pounds, for thirty-four days hire of a light Waggon, to carry the Quaker Prisoners to Virginia.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday February 2d, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,	Matt'w Smith, &	
John Macky,	John Hambright,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jos. Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred Pounds, to be charged to account of the said Stiles.

The Congress having expressed their approbation of the Council's granting a Pass into New York, to a suitable person to settle the accounts of David Franks, late Commissary of British Prisoners, Congress referring to His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, the time

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& manner of going in; And the Secretary reporting that he had conferred thereon with Mr. Tench Tilgman, Aid de Camp to His Excell'y the General, & that Mr. Tilghman had recommended it to the Council to give Mr. Franks' Clerk a recommendation to the Officer commanding on the lines to pass into New York, as a Special Case.

Ordered, That a pass to New York be granted to Mr. Patrick Rice, Clerk to Mr. David Franks, late Commissary of British Prisoners, & to return again; & that Mr. Rice be recommended to Gen'l Maxwell, the Officer commanding on the lines next the Enemy, that he be permitted to Pass without delay, it being a Special Case.

Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Wilcocks & Mr. Fitzsimmons, a Committee appointed by the Merchants of this City, attended in Council & represented the ruinous condition of the Trade of this State, our Ports being blocked up by armed Vessels, which it was apprehended, would be induced in the Spring to come up our Bay & River, and praying some protection, reminding the Council of the Vote of General Assembly for the purchasing of an armed Vessel, to which the Council replied, That the Assembly had not put Money into their hands sufficient for that purpose, &ca.

Ordered, That Patrick Rice give Bond with two sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, conditioned that he do not take into the City of New York any Letters or papers of any kind, save only his accounts, & the Papers & vouchers relating thereto; That he do not by any means, directly or indirectly, bring or send out of the City of New York, any Continental Money or Goods of any kind; That he neither do nor say anything injurious to the United States of America, And that he will bring out no Letters or Papers of any kind except what relates to the accounts aforesaid, but what he will on his arrival communicate to this Council.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday February 3, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright,
John Macky, —— McClean, & } Esq'rs.
James Read, Thomas Scott,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Messe & Caldwell, or their order, for the Sum of Six hundred & Seventy-eight Pounds & Eleven Shillings, due to Mr. Thomas Barclay,

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Merchant, for Salt Petre & Sulphur. (agreeable to the order of the said Barclay.)

Maj. Gen'l Arnold is said to have left this City early this Morning.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Will'm Bratton, of the seventh Pennsylvania Reg't, or his order, for the Sum of Three hundred Dollars, for the Recruiting service, & charge the same to account of the said Bratton.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jesse Jordan, Waggon Master of a Brigade of Twelve Waggons from the County of Chester, or his order, for the Sum of Four hundred & fifty Pounds, to be charged to his account; & repaid on demand.

Resolved, That the Waggons sent by Gen'l Arnold to Egg Harbor, having been drawn forth under the Law of the State, & the Waggoners not being able to procure Payment, either from the Qr. Master's department or from Gen'l Arnold, who is departed from this City while the Complaint against him was depending, & they being in great necessity, the board ou't to relieve them, so far as to advance £450 until they can procure further redress; & that Jesse Jordan, the Waggon Master, give as pecial Receipt, to be accountable therefor.

Ordered, That Colo. Hart, Mr. Hambright & Mr. Scott, be a Committee to inspect the Goal of this City, & report the State of the Prisoners therein to this Council.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday Feb'ry 4, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	John Hambright,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	——— McClean, &	
James Read,	Thomas Scott,	

Resolved, That it is the clear & decisive opinion of the Board, that the Several Fines for non-attendance and other delinquencies on the Militia Law, ought to be regularly collected, & that the Lieutenants & Sub-Lieutenants proceed against all persons who are not exempted by express Laws of the State.

A Petition from Mrs. Straker, Wife of Mr. William Straker, Praying a Certificate of the Permission of this Council for her Husband & herself to pass to St. Eustatia, & from thence to the Island of Barbadoes, was read; thereupon,

Ordered, That a Certificate be accordingly issued for the said purpose.

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The Petition of Hillary Baker, Jun., was read; &
On Consideration,
Ordered, That Hillary Baker, Jun., be appointed & Commissioned to be a Notary & Tabellion Public for the English & German Languages & Interpreter of the same.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday February 5, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, James Read,
John Macky, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.
—— McClean. Thomas Scott,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob S. Howell, State Clothier, or his order, for the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

A representation from William Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet, respecting Provisions & Stores in the hands of Capt. Houston, was read; &
On consideration,
Ordered, That the Provisions in the hands of Capt. Houston be delivered to William Crispin, Commissary of the State Fleet; & that the Stores in the hands of the said Capt. Houston be delivered to Mr. George Henry.

Mr. Clymer, Mr. Gardner, & Gen'l Lacey, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council, and informed the Council that the House was now met & ready to proceed to such business as the Council shall think proper to lay before them.

The following Address of this Council to the General Assembly of Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, Viz:

"In Council, Philad'a, Feb'ry 5, 1779.

"Gentlemen—

"Your early and punctual attendance upon the Public business, affords a happy presage that it will be conducted with Harmony and dispatch, & must demonstrate to our mutual constituents your regard & attention to their Interests. We shall endeavour to manifest a similar Spirit, & facilitate the measures which the public good may require, so that you may not be long detained from your families & private concerns; and the interests of the Public effectually & happily promoted. We have yet to lament, Gentlemen, that

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the futile & absurd ideas of conquering America are not yet so extinguished in the minds of our Enemies, as to induce them to give over the vain attempt, though it is highly probable, that instead of the pompous & useless marches of large Armies through a country which they could not conquer or retain, they will adopt the meaner & crueller plan of depredation & sudden inroad Against these; therefore, whether upon our Coasts or frontiers, it highly becomes us to make a seasonable provision; And in order to do this, as well as answer the various exigencies of government, we must request your earliest attention to your revenue, for without this you cannot expect security in War, or tranquility in peace. It is not to be expected that the current & ordinary income of the State will answer the extraordinary expences of War & danger; but it is high time the former should be ascertained, & so enlarged as to afford a prospect of Payment of the Public debts in a reasonable time. The policy of Congress in calling in so great a Sum as Fifteen millions of Dollars, at this time, will require a similar policy on our part, so as to avail ourselves of the present plenty of Paper Money, and lessen a proportionate part of the Public debt. But in the meantime, it is our duty to acquaint you, that when we entered upon the execution of your Resolves of the 5th of December last, we found our Treasury in a condition very inadequate for the purposes you recommended, & we have just cause to apprehend that our embarrassments on this subject are increasing, as the circulation of two large emissions of paper money has been stopped in ordinary Payment, though received at Public Offices, from which we may naturally infer, that all public Payments will be made in those emissions, useless to the possessor in the common course of business. You will doubtless, therefore, esteem it necessary, if some mode to supply the Treasury with such Money as may be current, & upon such an estimate of the public expence as may be formed under our present circumstances.

"Before we proceed to lay before you the several matters necessary for your consideration, we think proper to acquaint you how far the several resolutions of your last sessions have been carried into execution.

"We have appointed Lieu. Col. Farmer, (a supernumerary officer,) Commissary for the purchase of the Articles enumerated in your resolve of the 5th December, & he has made purchases to a considerable amount. We applied to the Gentlemen of the Army in December last, for a plan of distribution, which, when received, the Articles will be forwarded for their relief & comfort. The upper bridge on Schuylkill is in part carried away; the Season of the year was too severe to admit the necessary work to be done for its security, though every step was taken for that purpose. The bridge at the middle ferry has been secured under our direction, by the care of the Officers & men of the Gallies, without any Article of considerable expence to the public. The

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Cloathing of the Officers of the Army has been and will be an article of considerable expence; Finding the public & the army injured, in some respects, by the management of the department, we removed one Officer and shall inspect the conduct of all others, that abuses may not be repeated. We have disposed of all the Gallies & armed boats, except such as were necessary for immediate protection & defence, & could be well manned. We have discharged & paid off the Officers and men of the State Fleet who were supernumary, so as to reduce the remaining expence to a sum comparatively small. The heavy expence of the Gun factory, though we had no reason to complain of the management of it, we have wholly suppressed, from a view of our present stock of arms, & belief that the State may now be supplied on cheaper terms. We have discharged some old and heavy demands of the recruiting service, the militia of the back Counties, and the Artificers formerly employed in public works. The Current and usual expenditures have also had their claims though but in part, satisfied. On the Sixteenth day of January last, we procured from Congress Sixty Thousand Pounds. The inconveniences of such applications to the United States, & the difficulties upon them, are well known to some of the Honorable members of your House; and as the advance of Money to this State by Congress has been very great, (however the final balance of the account may be,) we cannot but believe you will approve of moderation & economy in such applications.

"With such various demands, & many of them very pressing, & having no representation made to us, either collectively or individually, of any depredations on Trade until Monday last, till last Week, & no suitable Vessell to be found in the Harbor, we did not attempt to provide a Ship of War for the protection of Trade; for had no other difficulty occurred, the impossibility, in our circumstances, of answering the heavy demands which it would have occasioned, was alone a sufficient bar; We might also had here, that our Treasury having only the reprobated emissions, (except the Sixty Thousand Pounds,) this stroke of general finance has affected all our measures."

"Agreeable to your desire, we made deligent enquiry after the forestallers of flour and other provisions in this City, & caused several suspected persons to be prosecuted; but whether the complaints were not well founded, or from a relactance in the inhabitants to appear on such prosecutions, the parties were dismissed. We also issued a Proclamation, reprobating & prohibiting all such practices. Most earnestly do we wish an effectual remedy might be provided; but a more general detestation and abhorrence of them, we apprehend, must take place, before such remedy can be had.

"We would now suggest such modes as have occurred to us to remove, at least in part, some of those evils we feel, & many of those we fear. We think there are many proper subjects of Taxa-

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tion yet untouched, & others too lightly; such as all Carriages for pleasure & convenience only, & plate. The possessors of Slaves & indented Servants, can also well afford to pay an additional duty. These, with a general plan of Taxation adapted to the present value of Money, & carried fairly & firmly into execution, would have a great effect. But we would also recommend the Sale of the forfeited Estates, with all convenient speed. The prices would bear a proportion to the public debts, & at least put us on a certain footing in this respect. Considerations of a political kind, we think, also press this measure forcibly. We would also recommend the accumulation of fines & other pecunary penalties, not so much as a fund of supply, as necessary for the advancement of public justice & the good order of the government. Fees & other licence money, & especially on Taverns, accruing to the State, & also such Fees as accrue to Officers or others, & have not been sufficiently raised to answer the exigencies of the present times, we think may also justly admit of increase, under some general proportional estimate. For we are bound to inform you, that the present penalties for decline of necessary, though troublesome Offices, or for neglect or misconduct therein, & the allowances made, are now so reduced in value as to afford no sanction or encouragement for the execution of the Laws.

"We would also again bring into your view a plan for the gradual abolition of Slavery, so disgraceful to any people, & more especially to those who have been contending in the great cause of liberty themselves, & upon whom providence has bestowed such eminent marks of its favor & protection. We think we are loudly called on to evince our gratitude in making our fellow men joint heirs with us of the same inestimable blessings, under such restrictions & regulations as will not injure the community, & will imperceptibly enable them to relish & improve the Station to which they will be advanced. Honored will that State be in the Annals of History, which shall first abolish this violation of the rights of mankind, & the memories of those will be held in grateful & everlasting remembrance, who shall pass the Law to restore & establish the rights of Human nature in Pennsylvania. We feel ourselves so interested on this point, as to go beyond what may be deemed by some the proper line of our duty, & acquaint you that we have reduced this plan to the form of a Law, which, if acceptable, we shall in a few days communicate to you.

"The unhappy disputes upon our borders, & progressive encroachments, especially on the part of Virginia, will naturally remind us how important it is that there should be as early a decision of these points as possible. By a Resolution of Congress passed the 28d of December, 1775, it was recommended to the State of Connecticut 'Not to introduce any Settlers on the disputed lands till the further order of Congress, or until the said dispute should be settled.'

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"The present depopulated state of that disputed Territory may make it very proper, not only to remind the remaining settlers from Connecticut of their precarious tenure, but the State itself of this resolve, which we apprehend never had the effect intended. The papers from Virginia, received since your late adjournment, are transmitted herewith; from them you will judge what probability there is of a termination of disputes in that quarter. But so much do we wish to relieve our unhappy brothers from these distressing & irritating Claims, that we shall esteem our time and labor devoted to a most valuable purpose, in executing any measures you may determine for their relief, even to a personal attendance of any of our members on the scene of controvercy, if you shall judge it necessary."

"Some municipal laws in the administration of Justice, we would also recommend; such as establishing a Court of errors on judgments given in the Supreme Court. It appearing to us that a determination of a single tribunal, binding upon the lives & properties of the Subjects of the State, without review or revisal in any case, must, from the frailty of human nature only, soon be productive of great inconveniences. We would wish they should be prevented rather than remedied. The Suppression of Theatrical entertainments, formerly recommended by Congress, to which we would add Horse-racing, gaming & other diversions, productive of idleness & dissipation of manners, seems to us to claim the notice of the Representatives of an undepraved & œconomical people. Duelling, that resource of misapplied courage, so dangerous to the peace of families & society, has lately grown so much into practice that it may justly claim a share of your notice & censure.

The abuses of the process of attachments & replevins, which are taken out upon the Estates of attainted Traytors, & upon Seizures for fines, & other public demands, call for some wholesome restraints.

"Some prudent & proper cautions against clandestine Marriages, so often fatal to the peace & happiness of families, are highly deserving of notice. If, as in all other cases where a third party is injured, the bond given on the Licence was assignable to the Parent or Guardians, for their special benefit, & publications of all marriages not celebrated upon Licence was required, it might have a happy tendency to introduce a prudent restraint, without intrenching upon the freedom of marriage, which the policy of all wise States has most judiciously encouraged & protected.

"We shall now offer the last, though not the least, object of your public enquiry & deliberations; we mean the nature & extent of the claims or Estates of the late Proprietaries, and their consistency with the interest & happiness of the people under the late revolution. To reconcile the rights & demands of Society with those of private justice & equity in this case, will be worthy your most se-

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rious attention; nor ought the magnitude of the object, or the splendor & influence heretofore annexed to the power derived from that source, deter you from the enquiry or dazzle you in the pursuit. The just regard due to the suspended rights of many individuals of this State, & the common interests of all, do not admit that it should any longer be kept out of sight, though war, with all its calamities & confusion, has hitherto excluded it from the notice of a Government founded on the authority of the people only.

"JOSEPH REED, President."

being read, was approved; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Message be signed by His Excell'y, the President, & laid before the House by the Secretary, together also with the following Papers, Viz: Resolves of Congress of the 1st of January & of the 2d January; A Letter from the Delegates of Virginia in Congress, & Resolves of the House of Burgesses of the said State, respecting the line between that State & Pennsylvania, dated

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A Letter from Jeremiah Powell, Esq'r, President of the Council of Massachusetts Bay, dated

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A Letter from Gov'r Morris & William Whipple, Esq'rs, a Committee of Congress, respecting forestalling; and a Letter from Col. Butler & others, respecting the Resolves of the House of Novem. 14 & Decem. 5th.

The Secretary reports, that agreeably to the order of Council, he had presented to the House of General Assembly the Address of the President & Council, & had laid before the House the Papers the Council pleased to order.

The Resolves of Council respecting Maj. Gen'l Arnold being printed,

Ordered, That the Secretary do inclose one to the authority of each of the United States, and one to the Delegates in Congress of each State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in of the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President, or his order, for the sum of three Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday February 6, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	Jacob Arndt, &	
——— McClean,	Thomas Scott,	

On application,

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry do deliver to Col. Flower, Commissary of Military Stores, or his order, 375 two Pound Shot, 5 four Pound Shot, & 12 Six Pound Shot, for the use of the State of South Carolina, to be replaced by Congress.

Resolved, That a Supersedeas issue upon the Commission of the Peace of the County of Cumberland, so far as respects John Holmes, Stephen Duncan, Ephraim Steel, William Brown, John Harris, John Schuller, James Maxwell, & John Work, who having been elected & appointed Justices of the Peace for said County, have declined accepting the said offices.

Resolved, That Sam'l Laird, of Carlisle, be Commissioned as a Justice of Peace of the County of Cumberland.

Sundry Resolutions of the Senate & House of Delegates in Virginia, were delivered in by the Delegates of Congress from that State, & read & ordered to be sent to the Hon'ble House of Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday February 8, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
——— McLean,	Thomas Scott,	

General Ewing attended, first time of his present coming to town.

Petition of Dr. Valentine Standly, jun'r, praying to be Paid as senior Surgeon of the State Fleet, & to be discharged, was read.

On consideration of his having been appointed Senior Surgeon by the Navy board,

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Ordered, That Doctor Valentine Stanley, do receive pay & Rations as Senior Surgeon of the State Fleet until the first day of this instant, February, & that he be discharged, according to his request.

A Certificate of Mr. Holker, Agent General of the Royal Marine of France, that he had taken to freight the brig Industry, George Curwin, Master, with Provisions for the use of the Fleet of His most Christian Majesty under the command of Count D'Estaing, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the Naval Officer be directed to clear out the Sloop Industry, George Curwin, Master, for the Island of Martinique, with 48 barrels of Pork, 7 Tierces of Pork, 459 barrels of Flour, 107 barrels of Bread, 1 barrel of Rice, & 6 Tierces of Rice, for the use of the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty, under the command of the Count D'Estaing.

Ordered, That the Resolves of this Council of the 3d instant, respecting Gen'l Arnold, be published in the several Newspapers of this City.

Ordered, That the Resolve of Congress of the 9th of February, 1778, respecting the enquiring into the conduct of the Continental Officers, be Re-published.

Ordered, That Capt. Boys be directed to order out one of the armed Boats of the State, for the purpose of looking out & making Signals to the Vessels outward bound: That Mr. Henry & Mr. Crispin, do in their departments what may be necessary herein, so that she may be sent out with all possible dispatch. The Boat to continue on this duty as long as the weather will admit & the Service requires.

MONDAY February 8, 1779, P. M.

Present as A. M., except John Hambright & Jac. Arndt, Esq'rs.

The Council took into consideration the account of Arthur Donaldson, he being present; & having spent some time thereon, & there appearing to be a considerable Balance due to him,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Arthur Donaldson, or his order, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to account of the said Donaldson.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday February 9, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	——— Ewing,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	Jac. Arndt,	
——— McClean,	John Hambright, &	
Ja's Read,	Tho's Scott,	

The Resolves of the Senate & Delegates of Virginia, respecting the disputed boundary, in addition to those received some time since.

Ordered, To be sent to the House of Assembly forthwith.

A Petition from Joseph Jefferies, Waggon Master of York County, praying that the Board will fall upon measures to Payment of the Waggons employed in transporting the Baggage of the Convention Troops, was read; The Officers of that department in York County having no orders; therefore,

Ordered, That he apply to the assistant Q M. General in this City, who is desired to give the necessary orders for that purpose.

Same Day, P. M.

Present as A. M., except John Hambright & Tho's Scott, Esq'rs.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

In favor of Ebenezer Cowell, or his order, for the Sum of Two hundred & Fifty Pounds, to be charged to the said Cowell.

Mr. McLean informed the Council, that a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly had been appointed to consider of an application to the Congress for a Loan of Money to this State, and that it was requested a Committee of this Board might be added.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Vice President, Col. Hart, & Mr. Ewing, be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, upon the subject of an application to Congress, & report to this Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of George Reinhart, or his order, for the Sum of Fourteen Pounds Eleven Shillings & Three Pence, for riding express to deliver a Letter to Major

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Gen'l Arnold, by order of Council, to be charged to Congress; the said expence having incurred in the pursuit of a Resolve of Congress of the 9th February, 1778.

The resignation of John Creigh, Esq'r, of his Office of Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the County of Cumberland, was read.

The Petitions of William Lyons & John Agnew, Esquires, & Mr. Henry McKinley, each praying to be appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the County of Cumberland, were read; & thereupon, the Votes being taken, William Lyons, Esquire, was unanimously chosen Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the County of Cumberland; And thereupon,

Ordered, That William Lyons, Esq'r, be Commissioned to be Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the County of Cumberland.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Tho's McKean, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, on account of his Salary as Chief Justice.

And the two following orders were also drawn on the Treasurer, Vizt:

One in favor of the Hon'ble Tho's McKean, Esq'r, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be by him forwarded to the Hon'ble John Evans, Esq'r, & charged to him (the said Evans,) on Acount of his Salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

And one in favor of Col. Sam'l Atlee, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be by him forwarded to the Hon'ble William Agustus Atlee, Esq'r, & charged to him, (the said W. A. Atlee,) on account of his Salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Feb'ry 10, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	—— Ewing,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	Jacob Arndt, &	
—— McLene,	Thomas Scott,	

Petition of Capt. Henry Martin, of the armed boat Lyon, now ordered down the River, praying to be furnished with Rum, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Will'm Crispin, Commissary, do furnish Capt. Martin with Rum for the present Cruize down the River to Lewis Town, for himself & his Crew.

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On application, a pass was granted to Heym Saloman to Virginia, he being recommended by Col. Farmer, & it appearing that he had taken the Oath of Allegiance to the State.

The report of Col. Hart, Mr. Scott, & Mr. Hambright, a Committee appointed to inspect the State of the Prisoners in the Goal of this City, was read; &

On consideration,

Ordered, That the fines of the following named persons, now in the Goal of the City and County of Philadelphia, be remitted, Viz:

Mary Hood, Catherine Clark, Jane Williams, Susanna Craig, Mary German, Ann Winters, John Shea, Francis Quin, George Ludwick Fisher, & John Allen, they appearing to be unable to pay the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Hon'ble House of Assembly be requested to meet this Council in a free conference with them on the following clause of the Twentieth Section of the Constitution:

[This minute was taken from the Journals of the House of Assembly.]

They (the Council) are to correspond with other States, & transact business with the officers of Government, "civil & military, & to prepare such business as may appear to them necessary to lay before the General Assembly"; Which being read, it was thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Biddle & Mr. Smiley, be a Committee to wait upon & inform the Hon'ble the Council, that this House will confer with them on Monday next, at 10 O'Clock in the Morning, on the Subject matter of the said message.

Mr. Biddle & Mr. Smiley, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of Assembly, attended with the foregoing order of the House, & informed the Council that the House had directed them to confer with the Council concerning the place of conference, and on consideration, the Committee & Council agreed, That the proposed conference be held in the Council Chamber, at the time proposed by the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, to Wit: On Monday 10 o'clock, A. M.

Ordered, That the complaint respecting the Election held for the County of York, be heard to-morrow Morning, 10 o'clock.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday Feb'ry 11, 1779.

PRESENT.

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Ewing,	} Esq'rs.
John Macky,	Jacob Arndt, &	
—— McLene,	Thomas Scott,	
Jas. Read,		

John Orr, Esq'r, & others, on the part of the complainants against the return of the Election for the County of York, for a Counsellor to represent the said County in this Council, now being present, The Hon'ble James Ewing, Esq'r, being party in the Question, now in hearing before the Council, withdrew from his Seat in the Council.

Daniel Mesterly, Esq'r, being duly sworn.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday Feb'ry 12, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Ewing,	} Esq'rs.
John Macky,	Jacob Arndt, &	
—— McLene,	Thomas Scott,	

Petition of Jos. Carson, praying to be supplied with 300lbs of Powder & 20lbs of Match Rope, was read;

And on consideration,

Ordered, That Capt. Stiles do supply Joseph Carson, or his order, with Three hundred Pounds of Gunpowder, if it can be safely spared, he paying a reasonable price for the same.

A Sketch of the accounts of Samuel Cunningham, Esq'r, being laid before Council, on consideration, the following two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Samuel Cunningham, Viz:

One for the Sum of Seven hundred & fifty Pounds, & One for the Sum of Two hundred & fifty Pounds, both to be charged to his account.

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Same day P. M.—The Council Met.

Present as A. M.

The Council then resumed the consideration of the evidence given respecting the Election for the County of York, & the same being read, and several hours spent thereupon, Council referred the further consideration thereon until to-morrow Morning.

Received from the Hon'ble John Jay, Esq'r, Six blank Privateer Commissions, & returned to him twelve bonds, received on issuing the twelve Commissions received heretofore from him.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday February 13, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt,
John Macky, John Hambright, &
—— McLene, Thomas Scott,
James Read, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Holliday, Pay-master of Militia of the County of Bedford, or his order, for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to be applied in Paying the Militia of the said County, for which Sum the said Holliday is to account.

A Certificate dated the 9th instant, of the election of William Lyon to be Recorder & Register of the County of Cumberland, by the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, was read; Thereupon,

Ordered, That Commissions be issued to William Lyons, appointing him to be Recorder & Register of the County of Cumberland.

The following two orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

One in favor of Elizabeth Irvine, or order, for the Sum of One Thousand one hundred and Twenty-five Dollars, due to her brother, Brig'r Gen'l James Irvine, for his Pay from the 26th day of August 177 , to the 25th day of May 1778, inclusive, agreeable to the order of the said Gen'l Irvine.

One in favor of William Rush, for the Sum of One Thousand Five Hundred & fifty Pounds nine Shillings & Eleven Pence half penny, for work done by him. (including an order of the late State Navy board, dated March 9th, 1778, for the Sum of One Thousand One hundred and fifty One Pounds & Six Shillings, which appeared to remain unpaid.)

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The Council resumed the consideration of the Election of a Councellor for the County of York; & thereupon,

Resolved, That James Thompson, Esq'r, is duly elected to serve as Councellor for the County of York.

Ordered, That Mr. George Erchelberger, of the County of York, now in this City, do attend this Council on Monday next, at Six O'Clock in the Afternoon, in the Council Chamber.

Council resumed the consideration of the contested Election of a Councellor in the County of York.

2, Whether at the opening of & during the Election of the 1st District for York County, was not attended with such circumstances of Clamour & Terror, as to have an undue influence upon the minds of the Judges & Inspectors, & thereby violate the freedom of Judgment & Election.

Whether such circumstances of Clamour and Terror attended the opening & continuance of the above Election, as to afford Just ground to believe the Judges & Inspectors did not exercise their Judgment freely, & that thereby the freedom of Election was violated. Yeas, —; Nay, 1.

Whether it appears to this board, that the Election of the 2d & 5th Districts were legally conducted.

Resolved, That James Ewing, Esq'r, is not duly elected to serve as a Councellor for the County of York. No 8 : Yes 1.

Resolved, That James Thompson, Esq'r, is duly elected to serve as Councellor for the County of York. Aye 8 : No 1.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday February 15, 1779.

PRESENT :

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
——— McLene,	Thomas Scott,	
James Read,		

The Clerk of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly attended & informed the Council that the House were ready to meet the Council in conference, agreeably to the order of the day.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Council do wait on the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, & inform the Honourable House that the Council are now ready to confer with the Hon'ble House, agreeably to the order of the day.

The Secretary reports that he had obeyed the foregoing order.

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The Speaker & the Members of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly attended in the Council Chamber,

* His Excellency the President opened the Conference, by stating the business upon which they were now met. After several hours spent in free conference, adjourned to four O'Clock, P. M.

The same day, P. M.

The Council & General Assembly met in conference, and having spent some time in free communications of sentiments,

A Letter from Gen'l Mackintosh was read, which gave an account of an attack by the Indians on a party going from Fort Pitt to Fort Lawrence, & of the probability of an attack on the Settlement at Blackbury Creek, and a free conference was thereupon had.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday February 16, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jac. Arndt, &
John Macky, Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
——— McLene,

Two Letters from Mr. Holker, Agent & Consul of France, the one of the 11th, the other of the 14th instant, were read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said Letters be laid before the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, with a Message therewith; And the following Message being read, was approved & ordered to be signed by His Excellency the President, Vizt.:

"In Council, Philad'a Feb'ry 16, 1779.

"Gentlemen:

"The Consul of His Most Christian Majesty, having before the opening of the Session, represented to the President that the Seamen of his nation in the service of His Majesty, & also in the employ of his Subjects trading to this State, were frequently inveigled & taken off by masters of Vessels, & others, Subjects of our State,

* This conference having been requested by the Council.

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to the great injury of the Navy & Commerce of France, was desired to give a written state thereof, & also of his expectations on that subject. He has now laid before us a memorial, not only specifying the grievance, but suggesting some measures of relief. We herewith transmit the papers officially delivered to us for your consideration, at the same time observing, that the special complaint has been satisfactorily redressed, upon application to Capt. Barry.

"We also transmit to your Hon'ble House a complaint on the same subject, exhibited to us by the Captains of the Gallies employed for the defence of the State, upon which this Council entered into & published a cautionary resolve; But whetherthis will be sufficiently remedial, may admit of some doubt. We think proper to recommend it to your notice.

"JOSEPH REED, President."

WHEREAS, George Erchelberger, a Deputy Commissary of purchases for the United States, (of York town in the county of York,) having at the last Election of the County of York for chusing a Councellor to represent the said County of York in this Council, used angry and threatening language to influence the Judges & Inspectors for the first District of the said County, there assembled in the Court House of the said County, & having afterwards, on the 15th & 16th of October, at a meeting of the Judges of the several Districts of the said assembled, for the purpose of casting up the votes taken in the several Districts of said County, & making return to this Council of the person elected to represent the said County of York in the Supreme Executive Council, intruded himself violently and forcibly among the said Judges, & dictating to them in what manner they should proceed in making the said return:

And upon divers of the said Judges refusing to act agreeably to his directions, he, the said George Erchelberger, did call them, the said Judges, so refusing, perjured Rascals, and declaring that they should be sued with an hundred Writs before they left York Town, with other threatening and abusive language.

Resolved, Therefore, That the said George Erchelberger is guilty of a high crime & misdemeanor, a violation of the freedom of Election, & breach of priviledge of this Council.

Whereas, George Erchelberger, of York Town, having not attended, agreeably to the order of Council of

Ordered, That a warrant issue to the Sheriff of the City & County of Philadelphia, commanding him to bring the body of the said George Erchelberger before this Council forthwith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Ewing, Esq'r, for the sum of Thirty-two Pounds & Eight pence, for his attendance eight days, & Mileage twice on 89 Miles.

The President reported to Council, that upon conference held with the Hon'ble House of Assembly, in their Chamber, in pursu-

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ance of a Minute of the instant, He, in the name of the Council, disavowed any claim officially or authoritively to propose Bills & impose them on the House, And that the Council never intended or meant to be understood as making such a claim; But that it appeared to them that the above clause in the Constitution, when compared with that expression, of the power of the Assembly, may be properly construed into a duty on the Council to frame drafts or heads of Bills, which the House of Assembly may or may not adopt or notice, in their discretion; And that as the council, from having the Execution of the Laws, may reasonably be supposed to know were they are defective & where new laws may be necessary, the of Assembly would be shortened, the laws probably more accurate, & the business of the State transacted more beneficially, harmoniously & expeditiously.

The conference then proceeded to consider the power & Duty of the Council to instruct the Delegates of the State in Congress during the recess of the Assembly.

Whereupon it was agreed, that the Council may & ought to advise the Delegates of the State upon all matters occurring in the Recess of the House of Assembly, wherein the Honor & Interest of the State is Concerned, so as the same be done consistently with any instructions, which may have been received from the House.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Feb'ry 17, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt,
John Macky, John Hambright, &
——— McLene, Thomas Scott,
James Read,
} Esq'rs.

The Petition of John Turner, late belonging to the Washington Galley, praying to be paid his Wages, was read; & it appearing that he has a certificate of a discharge dated September 1, 1778, Signed William Bradford, Chairman, & that he has lost an eye while in the service, & unfit for service,

Ordered, That John Turner, late belonging to the Washington, be discharged, & that he be paid his Wages until the first of September last.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday Feb'ry 18, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	James Read,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	Jacob Arndt, &	
—— McLene,	Thomas Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble James Read, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Petition of Peter Dehaven, praying direction of the Council respecting the outstanding Debts due to the State Gun factory, was read.

Ordered, That Peter Dehaven be authorized to collect the outstanding due to the Gun factory, without delay.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday February 19, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott,	Esq'rs.
John Macky, &		

A Letter from William Paca, Esq'r, respecting a Committee of Congress on Gen'l Arnold's application for a Court Martial, was read.

Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. G. Wilcocks, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. J. Caldwell, & Mr. T. Fitzsimmons, a Committee of Merchants, attended the Council, & communicated to Council a writing from the Merchants of Baltimore, representing the distress occasioned by small privateers on the Coast, & a conference thereon was read.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday Feb'ry 20, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, &
John Macky, Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
—— McLene,

The following orders was drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

One in favor of Col. William Clark, Paymaster of Militia of the County of Cumberland, or his order, for the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

One in favor of Col. John Proctor, Paymaster of Militia of the County of Westmorland, for the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Scott represented to Council, that the Sum of 1815 Dollars, of the two emissions called in by Congress, was paid to him by the Treasurer as part of the Money to be sent by him to Colonel Proctor, of Westmorland, & requested that the same may be exchanged for Current Bills.

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Treasurer to exchange the aforesaid 1815 Dollars.

A Resolve of the General Assembly of this day was read, respecting three Petitions from the Militia of the County of Northampton.*

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Petitions to go into New York from the following named persons, were read, Viz: John Murray, Mary Cooper, Sarah Engle, Mary Munn, Christopher K. Allicocke, James Jones Wilmer, Martha Green, Abigail Ott, Elizabeth Derwood & George Douglass.

Ordered, That the same be referred to Congress.

Petition of Cornelius Woodruff, convicted of Larceny in the County of Westmorland, was read & rejected.

Petition of William Mitchell, convicted of Misprisions of Treason, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace held at Hanna's Town, for the County of Westmorland, in October last, praying for the considerations therein expressed, Pardon, was read; & also a recommendation of the said Mitchell as an object to whom Mercy ought to extend. Signed by

On consideration,

Ordered, That William Mitchell, convicted of Misprision of Treason, at a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace held for the County of Westmoreland, in October last, be Pardoned; and let a Pardon in due form be issued accordingly.

*Two of the Petitions were delivered by Mr. Morris, & the third, he says, is lost.

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The same Day, P. M.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.
Joseph Hart, ——— McLene, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

An application of Will'm C. Bradford, Paymaster of the State Fleet, for Money to Pay the Officers & Men, was read.

On consideration,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm C. Bradford, Paymaster of the State Fleet, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account; And

Ordered, That Will'm C. Bradford be directed to make out his accounts, & lay the same before the Committee of General Assembly.

Petition of James Talbot, praying permission for his Mother & Sister to come out of New York, was read & rejected.

Petition of Mr. Benja. Lodge, praying to be allowed Cloathing out of the State Store, was read & rejected, and he referred to the Camp for his supply.

Petition of Capt. Hawkins Boone, of the Sixth Pennsylvania battalion, a wounded Officer, praying to be allowed Cloathing out of the State Stores, was read; & in consideration of his peculiar situation, & of the Spirited intrepidity of his Conduct in a Campaign to the North Westward, under Col. Hartley, when his situation might have justified his remaining at home,

Ordered, That Jacob S. Howell, State Clothier, do supply Capt. Hawkins Boone, a wounded Officer, with one suit of Cloaths, two Shirts, & two pair of Stockings.

Petition of Isaac Cohen, Capt. of Artillery, praying to be allowed Cloathing for his Company of Artificers, was read, & referred to Congress.

Application of William Crispin, Commissary, for Money, was read; &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Crispin, Commissary, for the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble the Continental Congress did, on the 21st August last, Resolve as follows:

"*Resolved*, That when any persons are desirous of going within the Enemy's Lines, they shall apply to the Executive Powers of the State to which they belong; and if the said Executive Powers approve the motives & Characters of the Persons applying, & shall be of opinion, especially at so critical conjunctures as the present,

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that no danger will ensue by granting such permission, that they recommend them to the Officer commanding the Troops next to the Enemy, who, upon such recommendation, may, at his discretion, permit the persons to go in."

And Whereas, Officers in the service of the United States have exercised the powers mentioned in the above Resolve without any application to this Board, & the same having been represented to Congress on the 25th of January last, no determination has yet been had or notice taken thereof, from which the exclusive power of the Board in the Premises seems to be doubtful:

Resolved, Therefore, that this Council will not give any further recommendations until the determination of the said power; but that persons desirous to go within the Enemy's lines, be referred to the Hon'ble the Congress for their permission or licence.

The Council met.

Philad'a, Monday February 22, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Macky,	John Hambright,	Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,	Thomas Scott, &	
—— McLene,	Jacob Arndt,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Fullerton, or his order, for the Sum of Forty-five Pounds & ten Shillings, for work done by him to the State Fleet.

Ordered, That Col. John Weitzel be notified to attend at the Council Chamber to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Council met.

Philad'a, Tuesday February 23, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Macky,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart,	John Hambright, &	
—— McLene,	Thomas Scott,	

Col. John Weitzell attended the Council according to order, & the Petition of divers of the Militia of the County of Northamp-

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ton, complaining of his, Col. Weitzell's conduct in calling out the Militia of the said Battalion, addressed to the General Assembly, & by them referred to this Council, was read. Col. Weitzell being asked if he admitted the truth of the facts alledged against him, he said he did not admit them, & thereupon he laid the Minutes of the proceedings of him, the said Lieutenants & Sub-Lieutenants, in the case, with some other papers, tending to justify his conduct.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Wednesday the 24th day of March next, be appointed to hear the complaint of the Petitioners of the fourth Battallion of the County of Northampton, against Col. Weitzele, in the Council Chamber, & that the Parties have notice to attend with their Witnesses, or with depositions taken, being Robert Levers or John Arndt, Esq'rs, two of the Justices of the Peace of the County of Northampton, in the presence of the Parties, if they should think proper to attend, after due notice given to them in writing.

The following three orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Warwick Coats, Sen'r, or his order, Viz:

One for Fifty-two Pounds & fifteen Shillings, for work done by him on board the Franklin Galley.

One for Fifty-five Pounds & Fifteen Shillings, for work done by him on board the Hancock Galley; and

One for Seventy Two Pounds Seven Shillings & Six Pence, for work done on board the Sloop Speedwell.

A Petition & Sundry Papers from the Overseers of the Poor being read & considered;

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, that the Auditors of the Accounts between the United States & this State, ought to make a reasonable charge, as well for the use of the House of Employment, as the New Goal, Powder House & other Public buildings occupied by the United States, the State House excepted.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday February 24, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	John Hambright, &	
John Macky,	Tho's Scott,	

The Secretary informed the Council, That he had seen the original entry in Mr. John Mitchell's memorandum book, respecting Jesse Jordan's Brigade of Waggons sent by General Arnold to Egg

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Harbor, dated October 22, 1778, & that it appeared clearly to him, that the Note in the Margin of the said entry has been altered in a darker coloured Ink & a different hand writing. The word "went" being written over what appeared to have been the word "sent," & the word "direction" (abreviated) written over what appears to have been the word "order" abreviated; Whereupon, a message was sent to Mr. Petit, requesting his attendance in the Council Chamber, & he attended accordingly.

The Council then laid before Mr. Petit their information concerning the alteration in the Deputy Quarter Master's Book, & requested him to lay the same book before this Council for their inspection, & after altercation on the subject, in which Mr. Petit gave it as his sentiment, that the same could not be demanded of him of right, he brought it, & on examination in Mr. Petit's presence, the alteration plainly appeared, and there appeared also, in the same book, that the last entry therein, of the 30th day of October last, was totally obliterated, not by a common erasure, but by a black blot, done with evident design totally to conceal the entry there made, consisting probably of two lines.

The Board taking into consideration the Conduct of John Mitchell, Deputy Quarter Master General, in his said Office,

Resolved, That the said John Mitchell have notice, that the board will proceed against him upon the resolve of Congress of the of February, 1777, on the complaint of Andrew Boyd, Deputy Waggon Master, & on the several facts appearing therein in proof against him, unless he attend and shew cause to the contrary forthwith.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday February 25, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
——— McLene,	Thomas Scott,	

Major Gen'l Armstrong attended in Council on his arrival in the City.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Huddle, or his order, for the Sum of Forty-Six Pounds Six Shillings & Ten Pence, for Wharfage & Storeage due to the said Huddle from the State.

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Mr. John Mitchell, Deputy Quarter Master General, attended in Council, & the Resolve of Congress of the 9th February was read to him, and also divers proceedings relating to the calling of a large number of Waggons in or about September last, (at least 1100 waggons,) & he was called upon to answer for his conduct in permitting the Waggons of this State to be called into the service of the United States, under the authority of Law, to be applied by Gen'l Arnold to his private use, & for the alterations evidently made in his (Mitchell's) Memorandum book, of the entries made of that transaction, as an improper entry. Mr. Mitchell, among other things in the course of his representation to Council, acknowledged, That the blot in his Memorandum book of the 30th of October, 1778, was done by his order, to conceal a Memorandum entered by his Clerk, of that date, "of the return of Mr. Jordan's Brigade of Waggons from Egg Harbor, & that the obliteration was made after the charge against Gen'l Arnold for having used the Public Waggons for his private business, had come to his (Mitchell's) knowledge."

Adjourned to 5 O'Clock, P. M.

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The same day, P. M.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & John Macky, Thomas Scott, ——— McLene, } Esq'rs.

An Account of Col. Piper, Lieutenant of the County of Bedford, was laid before the Council.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of three, & that Mr. Bryan, Mr. Macky, & Mr. Scott, be the Committee.

Council took into consideration the return of persons elected in the Township of Makefield, in the County of Bucks, for Justices of the Peace, in which John Chapman & William Neely are returned; & thereupon,

Ordered, That John Chapman be appointed & Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bucks.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday February 26, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
——— McLene,	Tho's Scott,	

Ordered, That the proceedings of this Board with respect to the appropriation of the public Waggons of this State to private uses, by Gen'l Arnold & John Mitchell, D. Q. M'r Gen'l, be published with all convenient speed, & also their proceedings in the case of Matt'w Clarkson, Aid-de-Camp to Gen'l Arnold.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday February 27, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	Jacob Arndt,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	John Hambright, &	
—— McLean,	Tho's Scott,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Tho's Scott, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, & charge the same to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. John Piper, Lieut. of the County of Bedford, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which Sum he is to account.

Ordered, That Charles Petit, Esq'r, Assistant Q. M'r General, be requested to furnish Col. Farmer with twelve Waggons, to send to Camp some necessaries for the Army.

The Petition of Dan'l Evans was read, & referred to the Board of War, it appearing he was employed by that Board.

An application from Capt. Lang to change 2,620 Dollars of the reprobated Emissions, read & referred to Col. Hart & Mr. Scott.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Col. John Bull be appointed to collect & secure the plank & other materials of Sullivan's Bridge.

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The Petition of Col. Francis Johnston, respecting expences incurred in procuring Cloathing, &ca, for the Regiment formerly Gen'l Wayne's, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That Col. Johnston's application be referred to the proper Board, appointed by Congress for examining claims, with the recommendations of Col. Johnston as an active & Zealous Officer, which probably brought this burthen on him.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Rob't Allison, or his order, for the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Lewis Farmer, or his order, for the sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to be applied to purchasing necessaries for the Army, agreeable to the Resolves of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, & for which sum the said Farmer is to account.

Petitions of Rich'd Footman & Magdelen Devine were read;

Ordered, That the Act of Assembly having provided for the determinations of all claims of the kind mentioned in their Petitions, the Petitioners are referred to the remedy by the Law provided.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday March 1, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Macky, & Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
——— McLene, }

This Board having at length received from the Camp a proposed plan of distribution of the Articles provided for the Troops, agreeable to a Resolve of the House of Assembly of the 5th of December last, & also a recommendation of Captain Ziegler as a proper person to distribute the same,

Resolved, That the said Captain Ziegler be & he is hereby appointed Distributor of the said Articles, & that he have such allowance therefor as the same Officer from the State of Maryland is allowed.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the said Articles be distributed pursuant to the said Resolve of Assembly, at one-fourth part of the Original Cost, for Cash only, & that the usual allowance be made to Capt. Ziegler for wastage.

3d. *Resolved*, That the said Articles be distributed in quantity in the following manner, Viz: 1 pint of Rum ℔ Week; ℔ Ration ½lb Muscovado Sugar; ℔ do. ½lb Coffee; ℔ do. 1 oz. of Tea; ℔ do. ½lb Chocolate; 2 oz. hard Soap, ½lb of Tobacco.

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4th. *Resolved*, That due regard be had in the said Distribution to the Rank of the Officers, & that each Officer be entitled to draw from the Store in exact proportions to the number of Rations to which he is entitled on the Continental Establishment, Viz: The Weekly allowance of a soldier for every Ration.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Prices of the said Articles now sent, be at the following Rates, Viz: Quart of Rum (21s. 3 & 23s. 9 ℔ Gallon) as in quality; Pound of Sugar, 3s. 1 & 3s. 4; as in quality; Pound of Tea, 14s. 9; Pound of Coffee, 3s. 6; a Pound of Chocolate, 6s. 3; a Pound of Tobacco, 1s 3 & 1s. 10½; a Pound of hard Soap, 2s. 4½; Loaf of Sugar, 7s. The above being the One-fourth part of the Original Cost of said Articles.

6th. *Resolved*, That as the above Articles are designed for the comfort of the Officers & Soldiers actually in Camp, none on Furlow be deemed entitled to draw for the time he is absent.

7th. *Resolved*, That Capt. Ziegler do make regular returns of his issues to the Board once a Month, & be deemed accountable for the Money accrueing to the State, after due allowance made as aforesaid.

A Message to the General Assembly of Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania was read, considered, approved, & ordered to be signed by the President. And the same is as follows:

"Gentlemen:

"By an Act of Assembly passed the second day of January, A. D., 1778, intitled 'An Act for the better supply of the Army of the United States of America,' The several Officers appointed under the said Act were directed to obey the orders & Instructions of the Legislature, & during their Recess, of the Supreme Executive Council. We have, during your Recess, distributed the Cloathing procured, made some new purchases, & directed the Sale of such Cloth on hand as was not suitable for the Army, & given such other directions as appeared to us beneficial to the Army & proper for the State.

"Mr. Howell, the present Receiver General, having signified his intention to resign some time ago, we would wish you to make a new appointment, & also direct the settlement of his accounts, with those of Capt Lang, late an Officer in that department. We apprehend one Officer to be quite sufficient for that purpose, & if you should not conceive the business too extensive, it might be attended with a public saving to employ the purchasing Commissioner of the Articles mentioned in your Resolution of the 5th of December. In this view only we mention it.

"The Bridge on Schuylkill is an Article of considerable expence to the Public, & the rates of Ferriage having been settled by Act of Assembly, when the real & nominal value of money bore a more just proportion to each other than they now do. These rates are at present very inadequate & insufficient. By the papers transmitted

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herewith, you will see what proposals the Quarter Master General of the United States has made with respect to the use to be made of the said Bridge by the Public Teams. As this part of the business is yet incomplete, unless your Hon'ble House will finish the Treaty we have had on this subject, it will be necessary to empower this Board to act therein, as the Quarter Master has represented to us that it will be very prejudicial to the public service to compel the Teams to pay Toll as they pass respectively.

"In our message of the 5th of February, we observed that the State of the Treasury, the Season of the year, & other circumstances, had concurred to prevent our purchase of a Ship for the defence & protection of Trade. But having never lost sight of this important object, we now acquaint you that we have in contemplation Two Vessels, which are recommended to us as suitable for the purpose, one just launched, the other lately arrived from sea, provided with Guns, &ca. The papers herewith will show an estimate of the cost of the former. The proposals respecting the latter being not yet answered, we cannot ascertain the probable expence, but, doubtless it will bear some proportion.

"The ways & means of answering the expence in this case, will deserve your attention, & we mention it the more particularly, that if this important service should fail for want of the necessary supply, it may not be attributed to inattention or neglect in us; As both interest & duty lead us to give all public relief to our mutual constituents. In this instance, we have nothing to reproach ourselves with, whatever may have been insinuated to the contrary. We have now further to acquaint you, that in order to carry our design into Execution more effectually, we some time ago wrote to the States of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland & Virginia, respectively, proposing an embargo on all outward bound Vessels, not only to deprive our enemies of their expected prey, but in order to enable us to man & fit out our Vessels of defence with the greater expedition.

"From the spirit which seems to prevail in Maryland, we can hardly doubt their concurrence, & we hope it will meet the approbation of the other States; On our part nothing shall be wanting to make effectual provision against every species of depredation, whether on the Frontiers or elsewhere. We observe in your report of the conference entered in your Vote of the —— February, an idea is held forth that Council will prepare a plan of general defence for the Frontiers & River.

"As a Committee of your Hon'ble House then existed for considering the State of the Frontiers, & providing for their defence, & had conferred with a Committee of Congress thereupon, have since agreed upon a plan, & Congress have transmitted to us their Resolves thereupon, we apprehend no propositions from this Board can be expected. The President, with several Gentlemen, whose

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knowledge & experience may be of signal service, are going to-morrow to view the several defences & State of the River, & to consider what further addition may be made. Your Hon'ble House will doubtless be acquainted with the result of their observations, so far as the communication of them is consistent with the secrecy necessary to public security. For as the objects of these means, (Viz:) safety & a repulsion of the Enemy, are common to us all, we can have no views or interests in which you do not partake. And we trust our mutual exertions will convince the good people of the State, that their dearest interests, either in the deliberative or executive branches, are not committed to unfaithful or negligent hands.

"JOSEPH REED, President."

In Council.

PHILAD'A, March 1st, 1779.

Resolved, That the Hon'ble George Ross, Esq'r, be Commissioned Judge of the Admiralty of this State, under the late Act of Assembly: That this Board highly approve the firmness & Ability he has hitherto shewn in the discharge of his said Office.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday March 2, 1779.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble Jos. Hart,	—— McLene,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	Jacob Arndt, &	
Tho's Scott,	John Hambright,	

(His Excell'y the President gone down to view the River. The Hon'ble Vice President absent.)

Mr. Scott took leave of the Council to go home.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday March 3, 1779.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Macky, Jacob Arndt, &
Joseph Hart, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
——— McLene,

A Petition of Elias Lewis Treckel, was read; & the same relating to a claim of his on a House forfeited to the State by Lawrence Fagan; the same was rejected & the Petitioner referred to the Judge of the Supreme Court.

A Certificate signed "Holker, Consul of France & Agent General of the Royal Marine," That the Brig Convention, William Allen, Commander, Blair McClenaghan, owner thereof, has been Chartered to carry to Martinique 340 barrels of Bread, 60 barrels of Pork, & 40 barrels of Flour, for account of his most Christian Majesty, & for the use of the Squadron Commanded by His Excell'y Vice admiral Count D'Estaing, being read and considered:

Ordered, That the Naval Officer be directed to clear out the said brig Convention.

The Secretary reports, That the Six blank Commissions for private Ships of War, last received from the Hon'ble the President of Congress, have been issued.

Ordered, That application be made to the President for a farther supply of blank Commissions for private Ships of War.

N. B. To write the Lieutenants of the Counties who have not sent their accounts of Money advanced to the Recruiting service, (Viz: Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, & Lancaster.)

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday March 4, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.
John Macky, John Hambright,

(His Excell'y, The President, being indisposed.)

A Message to the Hon'ble House of Assembly being prepared, was read, approved, & ordered to be signed, & is as follows:

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday March 5, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, Jacob Arndt, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

Business of consequence requiring the attention of a Committee of Council, adjourned till to-morrow, 11 O'Clock.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday March 6, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & ——— Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

Capt. Shaffer applied to Council for some of the Timber taken from the Redoubts near this City, for the purpose of making Buoys for the River Delaware.

Ordered, That Rob't Allison do supply Capt. Shaffer with such Timber taken from the Redoubts near this City, as he wants, to make Buoys for the River Delaware, & take his Receipt for the same.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday March 8, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & ——— Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

Mr. Thompson, Councellor elect for the County of York, appeared, & with uplifted hands took the Oaths required to qualify him to take his seat in Council, & he took his seat accordingly.

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The Hon'ble Thomas Scott, Esq'r, having made application to this Board for 5 lb. of Gunpowder, 10 lb. of Lead, & 2000 Flints, for the Militia of the County of Westmoreland, to be delivered to Chris'r Hays, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant of the said County,

Ordered, That Capt. Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to make ready 5 lb. of Gunpowder, 10 lb. of Lead, & 2000 Flints, to be delivered to Chris'r Hays, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Westmoreland, for the use of the Militia of the said County.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday March 9, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, ——— Thompson, &
John Macky, ——— Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Hambright,

Mr. Morris & Dr. Gardiner, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in the Council Chamber, & represented, That their House had made application to Congress, thro' the Delegates of the State, to supply this Council with such sums of Money as the Exigences of the State may require, until the Monies arising from the State Taxes shall come into the Treasury; & that Congress had expressed the utmost readiness to comply with the request as far as they were able; but that it appeared to them (the Congress) necessary, (previous to a resolution of Congress on the said application,) to ascertain with some degree of precision the sum which would probably be wanted: Wherefore, the Hon'ble House had appointed this Committee, to request that the Council will prepare an estimate of the expence which will necessarily be incurred in Six Months from the present time.

A return of Justices elect for the Township of Brothers Valley, wherein it appears that Abraham Cable and Jacob Glasner, were duly elected; being read & considered,

Ordered, That Abram Cable be appointed & Commissioned to be one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford.

The proceedings of Congress in the case of the Sloop Active, being laid before the Council by Mr. Searle, the same were read.

Petition of William Dunwick, praying to allowed time to Pay the Money due from him to the State, was read & considered; thereupon,

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Ordered, That Will'm Dunwick be allowed Twelve Months to Pay the Sum due from him to the State, over & beside what he has already given security for; & in the mean time, that his Bondsman be called upon to Pay the Money for which he hath become surety.

Petition of David Morgan, convicted of Horse Stealing, Praying that his punishment as to the Whipping & Pillorying may be remitted, was read & considered; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petition be not granted, the prevalency of the Crime rendering it highly improper to remit the punishment thereof.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday March 10, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, John Hambright, & Tho's Scott, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

Adjourned to 4 O'Clock, Afternoon.

The same day, Afternoon—Present as in the Forenoon.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday March 11, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & ——— Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

On application,

Ordered, That Capt. Boys do furnish Col. John Bull with such Boats & assistance from time to time, as he shall have occasion for Mud Island.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Crispin, Commissary, or his order, for the sum of Four thousand Pounds, for which Sum he is to account.

A Letter from Col. Stroud, praying that his Battalion of Militia may be paid for their services, was read.

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Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to write to Philip Boehm, Paymaster of Militia of the County of Northampton, & direct him to Pay off the arrearages due to the Militia, or give Council the reasons for his Non-compliance.

A Letter from J. M. Nesbitt, requesting, on behalf of Mrs. Elliot, that she & her daughter, &ca., may be permitted to come out of the City of New York, to assert her claim to an estate left her by her Grandfather, & now seized as the Estate of Andrew Elliot, & to endeavour to obtain a support, &ca., was read, & on consideration,

Resolved, That the reasons assigned are not sufficient to induce the Council to grant the request of Mrs. Elliott, it being clearly a misconstruction of the Act, to suppose that the family of a person attainted & residing with the enemy, can be entitled to any Pension or allowance from the Estate.

The Petition of Rob't Hardie, a Prisoner on Parole, was read; on consideration,

Ordered, That a Certificate under the less Seal of the State be made out, Certifying that Capt. Rob't Hardy is not nor was at the time of his capture, an Officer in the service of this State or of the United States, he having been broke by a Court Martial, for disobedience of orders, on the 9th day of December, 1777, & therefore, he can only be considered as a Citizen & not as an Officer.

A recommendation of David Espy, Henry Didier & James Beaty, to be one of them appointed Clerk of the Peace for the County of Bedford, signed by six Justices of the Peace of the said County, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That David Espy, Esq'r, be appointed & Commismissioned to be Clerk of the Peace of the County of Bedford.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday March 12, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, ——— Smith, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

A Letter from George Henry, inclosing his account of the sales of several Vessels, &ca. and the payment of the proceeds to Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer.

A Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly attended in Council, & communicated intelligence received from Bushy run of the killing of a number of Men there by the Indians.

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The Council taking into consideration the case of Col. Hunter, Lieut. of the County of Northumberland, having raised by order of this Council a Company of Men under the command of Capt. James Murray, consisting of One Captain Lieutenant, Two Lieutenants, One Ensign, One Surgeon, Five Serjeants, Four Corporals & fifty-eight Privates, upon a bounty of Eighty Dollars p Man, of which bounty Congress have Paid Eight Dollars p Man only,

Ordered, That Col. Hunter be paid the Sum of Seventy-Two Dollars for each Man inlisted in the Company under the command of Capt. Ja's Murray, including Serjeants & Corporals; & An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Sam. Hunter, Lieu. of the County of Northumberland, for the Sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty-four Dollars, for which Sum he is to account.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of George Henry, or his order, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, for which Sum he is to be accountable.

On application,

Ordered, That William Crispin, Commissary, do supply Col. Nicola, Town Major, with four Cords of Wood.

John Morris, Esq'r, Clerk of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended the Council, & laid before them a minute of the House of the 11th instant, respecting the defence of the frontiers of the State, & the Petitions of divers inhabitants on the Frontiers of the State.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday March 13, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, —— Smith, &
John Macky, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.

The Petition of divers persons, praying that the execution of the sentence of the Court against Dav'd Morgan, may be postponed, was read; and

On consideration,

Ordered, That the law be permitted to take its due course.

Petition of Edward Carlin, praying that his fine for Selling Liquors without Licence, may be remitted, was read & rejected.

The Petition of John Estangh Hopkins, praying the Council to cause certain wrecks belonging to this State, lying on the ground of his Fishery in the River Delaware, to be removed, or that the

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property of the same be granted to him, was read; & on consideration that an attempt has already been made to secure the wrecks in the River, & the same has been found not to defray the expence attending it,

Ordered, That this Council do vest in John Estangh Hopkins the property of the Wrecks belonging to this State, now lying on his Fishery ground, excepting only the Guns, which are expressly reserved to the State; The Council paying the expence especially accruing in raising & bringing off the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Blair, McClenaghan, Mr. George Henry, & Mr. Joseph Rush, be requested to examine the Cutter Revenge, her Stores, &ca, & make such other inquiries as may be necessary, to ascertain her real value & fitness for a Guarda Costa, & report to this Board, with as much expedition & Secrecy as may be.

Ordered, That Col. Smith & Capt. Hambright be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, respecting the estimate of expences for six Months, & lay before them the estimation now made, amounting to £540,000.

Ordered, That the Secretary do apply to Col. Mitchell, D. Q. M. G., for a Waggon, to convey to Shippinsburgh the ammunition for the County of Westmorland.

His Excell'y the President, represented to Council, That application had been made to him by Robert Taylor, a Prisoner, permitted to come out of New York on Parole, to return again, or to send in exchange Frederick Verner, a Prisoner of Congress, now in the New Goal; & it appearing that the said Taylor was made Prisoner in an attempt to bring with him out of Philadelphia, while in the Enemy's possession, a quantity of Goods for the American Army.

Ordered, That application be made to Congress for an order to their Prison keeper to deliver over the said Frederick Verner to the Sheriff of the City & County of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday March 15, 1779.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
John Macky, —— Smith, }

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, Vice President, or his order, for the Sum of Three hundred & Fifty Pounds, balance of his Salary due to the 3d instant, & the same was signed by his Excell'y the President, at his own House, before he set out for camp.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday March 16, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
John Macky, —— Smith, }

A Letter from Blair McClenaghan & others, concerning the Cutter Revenge; Also

Resolve of Congress for the delivery of Fred'k Verner to the Sheriff of the City of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday March 17, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
John Macky, —— Smith, }

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Robert Allison, for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, for which sum he is to account.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Cutter Revenge; and thereupon

Ordered, That Blair McClenaghan be requested to bid for the Cutter Revenge for the Public Service, & to purchase her as cheap as he can, not exceeding Forty-five Thousand Pounds.

The Secretary reports that he had delivered a Letter to Mr. Blair McClenaghan, requesting him to purchase the Cutter Revenge, for the State service, & that Mr. McClenaghan agreed to undertake that service.

The proceedings of the Council be printed & ready to be delivered,

Ordered, That a Message to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly be sent into the House, together with a number of Copies of the said proceedings; And the same being prepared, approved & signed, is as follows, Viz:

"Gentlemen,

"The Council having received information that a number of Waggons, called into Continental Service under the authority of the Waggon-law of this State, had been applied to private use, at a time when the calling out a very great number of Waggons had

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exceedingly distressed the good people of this State. They laid before Congress a complaint against Major General Arnold, for this abuse. The proceedings of the Council in this case being printed, we transmit herewith a number of Copies for the use of Hon'ble House, & at the same time assure you of our readiness to communicate to your Hon'ble House the original papers relative to this transaction.

"GEORGE BRYAN, Vice President.

"March 17, 1779."

Ordered, That the Secretary do present the said Message to the House. The Secretary reports, that agreeable to order, he had presented to the Speaker in the Chair the Message of the Council.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday March 18, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, John Hambright & ——— Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

The late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania being this day to be heard by Council before the Hon'ble House of Gen'l Assembly, the Council adjourned, in order to attend in the House.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday March 19, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, John Hambright, & ——— Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

A Letter from divers Officers of Col. Proctor's Battalion.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday March 20, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Jos. Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
John Macky, —— Smith, }

Received from the Hon'ble John Jay, Esq'r, Six blank Commissions for private Ships of War.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Parker, or his order, for the Sum of Fifty-One Pounds Eight Shillings & Six Pence, balance due to him for work done at & about the State House.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Monday March 22, 1779.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
John Macky, —— Smith, }

The Council now receiving information that His Excell'y the President returned from Camp last Evening, & that he is indisposed & unable to come abroad: And being also informed that it will be agreeable to him to confer with the Members of the Council at his own House.*

Adjourned to Six O'Clock in the Evening, to meet at the President's House.

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Same Day, [Six in the Evening] The Council met at the President's House.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.*

Jos. Hart, John Hambright, & } Esq'rs.
John Macky, —— Smith, }

His Excell'y informed the Council that he had the satisfaction to assure that His Excell'y Gen'l Washington was taking vigorous measures for covering the frontiers of this State, and for making an

* The Hon'ble Vice President's non-attendance was owing to the funeral of his Father-in-law.

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attack upon the Indians in their own Country; And that the Army were in the best temper & disposition that could be wished. Also same time, the Hon'ble Maj. Gen'l Armstrong, Mr. Searle, Mr. Muhlenberg, & Mr. McLene, Delegates of this State in Congress, attended in Council, and spent several hours in conference with Council on the situation of Public affairs.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday March 23, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.
Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & ——— Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

A Letter from Capt. Hazlewood was read, recommending one Thomas Jones, an Invalid.

Ordered, That the Commissary supply said Jones with a Ration in lieu of the 2s 6, he now receives.

A Letter from Christian Schaffer, Capt. of Artificers, was read, informing the Board that there are two Cables now laying at the middle ferry which will take damage if not taken care of, & that there are some matters respecting the Bridge that requires attention.

Ordered, That Mr. Henry be directed to have proper care taken of the Cables, & report what further may be necessary at that place.

A Letter from the President of Congress was read, dated 22d ins., including 2 recommendations of a Fast, to be appointed the 1st Tuesday in May.

An application was read from Matt'w Irwin, in behalf of himself & others, Owners of the Ship Gen'l Green, praying the determination of the Board with respect to the said Ship; Thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board will take the said Vessel, agreeable to the terms proposed in the Letter of the (———.)

Resolved, That Mr. Blair, McClenaghan, & Mr. Matt'w Irwin, be appointed Agents for the fitting out the Ship General Green with all possible expedition, to cruize against the Enemy for the protection of the trade of this State; that they be allowed reasonable Commissions for their trouble, & in case of any Prizes taken, the same be put under their management & direction.

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The Council taking into consideration the critical situation of their affairs with Congress, & being desirous of confering with the Hon'ble House of General Assembly,

Ordered, That a free conference with the General Assembly be requested, and the following Message being read, was approved & signed, Viz:

"Gentlemen of the Assembly:

"The Council request your Hon'ble House to meet them in a free conference upon Sundry matters affecting the Interest & Honor of this State, & the union & harmony of the United States of America; & that in case of concurrence, you will signify when it will be most convenient for you to attend it.

"In Council, Philad'a, March 23, 1779.

"JOSEPH REED, President."

The following Letters were read, Viz:

From His Excell'y Patrick Henry, Esq'r, dated March 13, 1779, respecting an Embargo.

From His Excell'y Cæsar Rodney, Esq'r, Gov'r of Delaware State, dated March 13, 1779, on the same subject.

From Gen'l Sullivan, respecting Papers belonging to the Estate late of Christopher Saur.

From Gen'l St. Clair, March 13, 1779, respecting bounty, &ca.

From His Excell'y Tho's Johnson, Esq'r, Gov'r of Maryland, dated March 5, 1779, respecting an Embargo.

From the Board of War, inclosing Gen'l Arnold's resignation of the Command of Philadelphia.

Also, a Letter from the Hon'ble John Jay, Esq'r, inclosing two printed Copies of a Proclamation issued by Congress, recommending a Fast.

Resolved, That Col. Bull be authorized & requested to employ suitable Workmen & Laborers to repair the Banks & Sluices at Mud Island, to complete Barracks sufficient for 50 men, with proper Apartments for Officers proportionate; also, to construct as soon as possible, at least Six Chevaux-de-Frize for different depths, & to do such other Work as may be necessary to render the said Island healthy and commodious, & that money be advanced to him when necessary, for the Payment of the Persons employed.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday March 24, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Joseph Hart, & John Macky, Esq'rs.

The Secretary reports that he had, agreeable to order, this Morning presented to the Hon'ble House of General Assembly the Message of yesterday.

Tho's Smith & Stephen Chambers, Esq'rs, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, attended in Council, & informed the Council That the General Assembly will attend in free conference with Council this Afternoon at four O'Clock.

The Conference to be in the Council Chamber.

Tho's Smith, Jonathan Hoge, Christopher Hays, Dr. Gardner & Rob't Martin, Esq'rs, a Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly for conferring with Council on the State of the Frontiers, attended in Council, & a free and full conference thereon was had, in which His Excellency laid before them information concerning the carrying the War into the Indian Country, so as to strike a terror into the Savages & endeavour to shew the Committee the necessity of encouraging the inhabitants to keep their ground as far as possible.

His Excell'y the President & Council, & the Hon'ble Speaker & the Members of the Gen'l Assembly, met in the Council Chamber.

His Excell'y the President then opened the business of the conference, & stated the various applications made by the State of Pennsylvania to Congress, & the total neglect of *them all* until the late charge against Gen'l Arnold, & the conduct of that business until its present Stage, Viz: A Report of a Committee thereupon, which report is not yet adopted by Congress, but contains, as it is said, very extraordinary resolutions, and such as must reflect his dishonor on the State, & possibly affect the Union & harmony of the whole. And he also read divers letters & papers relating to the business, & he then, in the name of the Council, proposed to the consideration of the Hon'ble House the appointing of a Committee of each of the two bodies present to join together & request a conference with Congress.

Divers Members of the Hon'ble House having expressed their approbation of the proposal, the General Assembly retired.

A Letter from Mr. John Mitchell, D. Q. M. G.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday March 25, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

The Honorable Joseph Hart, —— Smith, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

Doctor Gardiner & M'l Shubert, Esq'r, a Committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council, & laid before the Council the resolution of the General Assembly of this day, appointing a Committee of the said General Assembly to join with a Committee to be appointed by this Council, & to request of Congress a free conference with a Committee of Congress upon divers transactions of that Honorable body, which may have a tendency to interrupt the harmony & confidence so necessary for the common Interest of this & the United States; and thereupon,

Resolved, That His Excell'y the President, The Hon'ble Vice President, & the Members of Council now present, do join with the Committee of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, & request & hold a conference with a Committee of Congress upon the subject aforesaid.

The Hon'ble House of Assembly having resolved that the Officers, Seamen, & Mariners, in the Naval Service of this State, should be entitled to all the benefits to which the Officers and Soldiers of this State, employed in the Armies of the United States, are entitled by the Resolutions of the 13th instant,

Ordered, That Capt. Boys, Commanding Officer of the Gallies, do make out a complete return of the officers & men under his command, & transmit the same, in order to enable and authorize this Board to carry the above Resolve into execution.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday March 26, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, —— Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

An application being made by the Rev'd Wm. Rogers, Chaplain of the Pennsylvania Brigade, for a supply of Cloathing, agreeable to Resolves of Assembly,

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Ordered, That Jacob S. Howell, Receiver General of Cloathing, do furnish the Rev'd Wm. Rogers, Brigade Chaplain, with a supply of Cloathing, according to his Rank.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

In favor of Col. John Bull, for the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to be applied in paying the Men employed in repairing the banks at Mud Island, & for which he is to account.

In favor of Will'm C. Bradford, Paymaster of the State Fleet, for the Sum of One Thousand & five Hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

In favor of Will'm Crispin, Commissary, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, for purchasing Provisions, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday March 27, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Matt'w Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Monday March 29, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Matt'w Smith, & } Esq'rs.
John Macky, John Hambright,

A Letter from the Hon'ble Jeremiah Powell, Esq'r, President of the Council of the Massachusets-bay, dated Feb'ry 28, 1779, was read, by which it appears that a Committee from that State have been appointed to endeavour to obtain a supply of Provisions; & it also appearing that the said Committee are now in this City; The Council being disposed to give the earliest attention to their application, do appoint this Evening, at six O'clock, in the Council Chamber, to confer with the said Committee.

Col. Lewis Farmer having represented to the Council that he had purchased goods for the use of the Army to the Amount of £25,000, & praying an order on the Treasurer for the said sum,

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An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Col. Lewis Farmer, for the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, for which sum he is to account.

A Certificate of the Election of Chief Burgess, Burgesses, & Constables of the Borough of Chester, being presented, was read, by which it appears that David Cowpland, Esq'r, is duly elected Chief Burgess; William Evans, Robert Forgeson, & Will'm Kerlin, Esq'rs, Burgesses; & John Shanlan, High Constable: And the said David Cowpland appeared in Council, & took the Affirmation required by the Constitution to Qualify him for the said Office of Chief Burgess.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday March 30, 1779.

PRESENT:

A Letter wrote to the Chief Justice to know what has been done on the intercepted Letter of Sam'l R. Fisher.

In pursuance of a conference with the Deputies of Massachusets-bay, the following Message was sent to the Hon'ble House of Assembly, together with the Letter received from the Hon'ble the President of the said State:

"Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

"At the opening of the Session we laid before a Letter from the Hon'ble the President & Council of the Massachusets Bay, representing the very great scarcity of bread in that State, & requesting the friendly aid of this State for their relief.

"Yesterday the Letter which now accompanies this message, was presented by the Gentlemen who are mentioned in it, & are deputed by the General Court of that State to renew the former application.

By refering to the Law passed last Session, intituled "An Act to prohibit the exportation of Provisions from the State of Pennsylsylvania for a limited time, you will observe that the relaxing powers of this board do not reach the present case, so that, if upon conference or otherwise with the Gentlemen deputed on this occasion, your Hon'ble House should think proper to favor their application, it will be necessary to extend the powers in this instance also, as the transportation by land is deemed impracticable in our present circumstances.

"JOSEPH REED, President.

"March 30, 1779."

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Ordered, That Col. Smith deliver the same to the Assembly. Col. Smith reported that he had delivered the said Message & papers to Doct. Gardiner, a Member of the House

A Resolve was received from the House of Assembly of the additional encouragement to the 5 Companies of Rangers to be raised in this State by Congress.

Resolved, That Capt. James Montgomery be appointed to the Command of the Ship Gen'l Green, now fitting out by this State, for the defence & protection of the Trade.

Resolved, That Major Henry supply Messieurs McClenaghan & Irwin, with what Articles they want for fitting out the above ship, taking Receipts therefor.

Resolved, That Mess. McClenagan & Irwin be authorized to apply to the Hon'ble the Marine Committee of Congress, for a loan of such Naval Stores as they cannot otherwise procure, not doubting but the urgency of the service & the readiness this State has always shewn in offices of the same nature, will induce that Hon'ble Board to readily comply with our request.

Council taking into consideration the return of Justices for Mahoney Township, Northumberland County, & it appearing that the Election was made by the Inhabitants, whereas the Constitution requires it to be by the Freeholders,

Resolved, That the said return be transmitted to Mess Dan. Rees & Chas. Gillespie, in order that a proper Election be had.

The Hon'ble Will'm Paca, Esq'r, Delegate for the State of Maryland in Congress, attended in Council, & informed that Congress having appointed a Committee to confer with the Joint Committee of Council & of General Assembly, he now, in the name of the said Committee, gives notice that they are ready to meet in conference whenever the said joint Committee shall appoint; whereupon, Col. Smith was appointed to give notice thereof to Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Committee of General Assembly, & to request the said Committee of General Assembly to meet the Council this Evening, at Six O'Clock.

A Message to the General Assembly.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday Mar. 31, 1779.

PRESENT:

A Letter of thanks & acknowledgements from the officers of the Army to the President of Council & Assembly, was read.

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the Hon'ble House of Assembly.

Resolved, That Joseph Irwin, Esq'r, appointed one of the Captains of the 5 Companies of Rangers to be raised for the defence of the Frontiers; Alex. Cray 1st Lieu., & Hardy Hill 2d Lieu, to take Rank as may be settled hereafter, having respect to former Rank & Service.

The following Message was sent to the Hon'ble House of Assembly, together with the Letter from the Officers of the Army, & the same are as follows, Viz:

"Gentlemen:

"The Letter from the Field Officers of the Pennsylvania line, which accompanies this, being equally designed to manifest their respectful acknowledgements & regard to your Hon'ble House, as to this Board, we accordingly transmit it.

"JOSEPH REED, President.

"March 31, 1779."

The Letter is as follows:

"MILLSTONE CAMP, March 27, 1779.

"Sir:

"Deeply impressed with the truest sense of gratitude, we beg leave, in the name of all the Officers & Troops of the State, to return your Excell'y & the Hon'ble Council & Assembly our most sincere & hearty thanks for the generous resolves passed in our favor.

"It really affords us great pleasure to find our past Conduct acceptable to you, & assure you, Sir, That our endeavours shall not be wanting to merit the esteem & confidence of a virtuous President & Legislature, under whose auspices we hope to see unanimity, wisdom, & public Interest flourish, and a Government that it will be the duty & Interest of every individual in the State to support.

"And when called forth to the field, rest assured, Sir, we shall

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exert every nerve to advance the honor & dignity of the State to which we belong. With every sentiment of esteem & respect, we remain your Excellency's & the Honorable Council's And Assembly's Most Obedient and very Humble Servants.

"JAMES CHAMBERS,
"Colonel 1st Pennsylvania Reg.
"RICHARD BUTLER,
"Col. 9th Pennsylvania Reg.
"T. CRAIG,
"Col. 3d Penns'a Reg.
"WILLIAM WILLIAMS,
"Lieu Col. 3d Penns'a Reg.
"JAS. HARMAR,
"Lieu. Col. Commandant 6th Penns'a Reg.
"J. P. MENTGES,
Maj. 7th Pennsylva'a Reg.
"JOHN MURRAY,
Maj. 2d Penns'a Reg.
"THOMAS L. BYLES,
Maj. 3d Penns'a Reg.
"J. GRIER,
Maj. 10th Penns'a Reg't.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday April 1, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Matt'w Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

A Letter from Brig. Gen'l Du Portal.

A Letter from His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, dated 28th March.

Another Letter from His Excell'y Gen'l Washington of the 29th March, inclosing a Letter from Gen'l Maxwell of the 28th Mar., from Elizabeth Town.

The following two orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

In favor of the Hon'ble Jos. Hart, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Seventy Two Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six Pence, to be charged to his account; and

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In favor of Col. John Bull, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which Sum he is to account.

The following Recruiting instructions were agreed to, Viz: *

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday April 2, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Matt'w Smith, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

A Petition referred by the Hon'ble House of General Assembly to this Council, signed by Tho's Hazlewood, for himself & Officers of the State Fleet.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That a Proclamation be issued enjoining a due obedience to the Militia Laws, & the following being read, was approved & signed.

Ordered, That 600 be printed & sent forward to the several Counties, by the Hon'ble Members of the House of General Assembly:

"*Pennsylvania, ss:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"*By His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, & Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"WHEREAS, there is just cause to believe that our cruel & inveterate Enemies, despairing of the Conquest of America by open & manly force, are about to adopt the mean and savage Policy of distress & depredation; And as a vigourous, firm, & united resistance can alone (under Providence) enable us to disappoint & defeat their barbarous design, We do hereby most earnestly exhort the good people of this State to prepare themselves for such events.

"And we do particularly enjoin & require the General Officers, Lieutenants, Sub-Lieutenants, Field & other Officers of Militia, diligently to exert themselves in arraying, training & disciplining the Militia of the State, as by Law directed, Enforcing the said Law against all delinquents, & encouraging & animating by their presence & example, those brave & faithful Subjects who chearfully

* See Appendix.

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stand forth in defence of the liberties of their Country. We do also exhort & enjoin all Officers, both civil & military, to make diligent search after the public Arms & accoutrements which have been disposed & lost through the Country, & to recommend & endeavour to have all the Fire Arms in their respective districts & Counties put in the best repair, so as to be ready on the shortest notice. And as the designs of the Enemy, so far as they may regard this State, must in their immediate effects (unless frustrated) desolate those parts exposed to the Sea on one side & the frontiers on the other, we do in a special manner recommend a spirit of Union, harmony and mutual Affection, as the most effectual weapon of defence, laying aside all animosities, dissentions & uncharitableness, & then we need not doubt, but (with the blessings of God) we may as we have heretofore done, repel our invaders, with shame, disgrace & disappointment, & in a short time enjoy the blessings of peace on free & honorable terms.

"Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excell'y Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, & the Seal of the State, at Philad'a, this Second day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-nine.

"JOSEPH REED, President.

"Attest—T. MATLACK, Sec'y.

"GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE."

A Message to the General Assembly of Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, was read, considered, approved & ordered to be signed by the President. And the same is as follows:

"Sir:

"I send into the Assembly some papers laid before the Council by Mr. Scott, one of the members. By them it seems probable that Robert Culbertson, of Bedford County, who was authorized by an act of the late Assembly, To seize Provisions for the use of the Army of the United States, has been sued & saddled with damages for taking Fifty Bushels of Rye from Jacob Wiltz, for that purpose. Of the merits of this transaction the Council have nothing to communicate. Perhaps some of the Gentlemen who represent Bedford County can furnish some explanations; particularly Mr. Smith, who as Attorney brought the suit. This is an instance in point of the abuse of Replevins in the case of Public Officers, (whatever ground there was for an action,) an abuse to which we hope you have put a Stop by the Law just passed.

"I trust you will take such order in this business as shall do justice to Mr. Culbertson, as he was employed by the Legislature.

"I am, Sir,

"Your most obedient servant,

"JOSEPH REED, President.

"To the Hon'ble JOHN BAYARD, Esq'r, Speaker of the General Assembly."

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday April 3, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, & John Macky, } Esq'rs.

A Letter from the board of War to Col. B. Flowers, Commissary of Military Stores, ordering the delivery of Two Pieces of Iron Cannon, & Two Howitz, & as many Riffles from the Magazine at Carlisle, as shall be necessary to Arm five Companies of Rangers, to be delivered as they now are, & to be repaired by the State, & to be returned if called for by the United States, they paying for the repairs.

Ordered, That two 24 Pounders Iron Cannon, & two of the largest Mortars, be delivered to Col. Proctor of the Artillery.

The Council having received information that Samuel R. Fisher was not confined, according to his Mittimus,

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to the Sheriff & expressly order that the Mittimus be put in due execution immediately.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Robert Allison, for the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday April 5, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon. GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Macky, & John Hambright, } Esq'rs.

Ordered, That Capt. Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, do furnish to Messrs. Blair, Mc'Clenaghan & Matthew Irwin, or their order, such ammunition and Military Stores as they shall have occasion for in the fitting out the Armed Ship General Green.

The Joint Committee of General Assembly and of this Council, now made the following report, Viz't:

"Whereas, the Hon'ble the Continental Congress have, for various good reasons, called out of circulation the whole of the emis-

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sions of May 20th, 1777, & April 11th, 1778, under certain regulations, as mentioned in their resolve of January 2d, 1779:

"And Whereas, the manner of Exchange as therein mentioned, would be grievous & burthensome to many of the good people of this State, by reason of their very great distance from the place of exchange, the smallness of the quantity many of those persons are possessed, of & the enormity of Travelling charges; many of the persons so situated had better lose their little all than spend it in negotiating an exchange. This House, ever desirous to relieve the distresses of their constituents as much as in them lies, do

Resolve, That Thomas Hislap be, & is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Exchange for the County of Chester; John Hubley for the County of Lancaster; Michael Hahn for the County of York; John Agnew for the County of Cumberland; John Heester for the County of Berks; John Arndt for the County of Northampton; David Espie for the County of Bedford; Robert Martin for the County of Northumberland; & Edward Cooke for the County of Westmoreland, under the regulations herein after mentioned, Viz:

"That each of the said Commissioners of exchange before named, shall give public notice in their respective Counties, of their appointments to that duty; & shall upon application made, receive such Sums of Money, of the dates before-mentioned, as may be offered for exchange by every inhabitant of this State, before the first day of June next, & pass his receipt for the same; & shall make fair entries, in a book prepared for that purpose, of the names & surnames of each person depositing money, as also of the Sum of Money so deposited, keeping each man's money bound in a bundle by itself, & indorced with the Owner's name, & the number of Dollars contained.

"That each of the Commissioners aforesaid shall, before the first day of June next, deposit all the Monies by him received for the purpose of exchange, into the Continental Loan-Office of this State, taking the Continental Loan-Officer's receipt for the same, agreeable to the resolution of Congress.

"That the said Commissioners of exchange shall receive from the Commissioner of Loans, new bills, to the Amount of the Sum deposited for exchange, & shall, as soon as convenient, repay the persons & cancel his receipts, reserving to himself, out of each Man's money, at the rate of Two and a-half Dollars for every hundred Dollars, for his trouble & expences in negociating said exchange."

"*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House be directed to publish these resolutions in all the German & English Newspapers, once every week, for one month.

"WHEREAS, it was resolved the last sitting of this Assembly, that the wages of the members of this House for said sitting, shall be Two Pounds five Shillings per diem, & one Shilling & Six Pence per mile, for their travelling expences; The Speaker, Three Pounds

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per diem, with the mileage allowed the members, & the Clerk of the House Four pounds Ten Shillings per diem, for which a Law should be passed this session, to provide for the same & the future wages of said members :

"*And Whereas*, the necessary & unavoidable business of this House has prevented said bill from being enacted into a Law; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That each member of this House shall be allowed for this sitting eight Dollars per diem ; The Speaker Four Pounds per diem, the Clerk of this House five pounds per diem, his assistant Clerk Three Pounds Ten Shillings per diem, & each & every of said members are to have & receive Two Shillings & Six Pence per mile for every mile they shall travel to & from this House, which, with the wages of last sitting, be provided for by a Law next meeting of this House :

"*And Whereas*, the wages now allowed to our delegates in Congress & the members of the Supreme Executive Council, are not adequate to their necessary expences; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That each Delegate in Congress for this State, shall have and receive for every day he has or shall attend in Congress, from the last election of Delegates for this State, Five pounds per diem, & every member of the Supreme Executive Council, shall have and receive for every day he has attended or shall attend on the duties of his Office, since the first day of February last, Three pounds ℔ diem.

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That Jared Ingersoll, Esq'r, the gentleman employed as an assistant by the Attorney General, agreeable to a resolve of this House in the case of the Proprietary claims, be allowed One Hundred Pounds for his said services.

"The Joint Committee of Council & Assembly beg leave to report to their respective Houses, That in pursuance of the resolutions of the 25th of March last, That have conferred with the Hon'ble Mess. Paca, Laurens, Adams, R. H. Lee, & Root, a Committee of Congress on the subject matter of the representation made on the said day; That the same hath been fully & freely discussed; That the Conferees of Congress gave this Committee very ample assurances of the disposition of Congress to preserve the most perfect harmony, & remove all ground of apprehension or uneasiness from the minds of the good people of this State; That such mutual overtures of friendship & explanation have been made in the course of the said conference, as afford a prospect of lasting harmony & confidence, & in order to cement and confirm these happy & beneficial sentiments, & to disappoint the Enemies of the common cause, who take encouragement from all appearances of disunion, it will be proper to give some open proof of the happy issue of this conference; for this purpose, the joint Committee beg

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leave to propose to their respective bodies the following Resolves, as tending to promote the desirable & important end aforesaid, Viz:

"*Resolved*, That the unanimity & harmony between the representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, & each State individually, have been, under God, the happy means of our past success, & the only sure foundation whereon to rest our future hopes of terminating the contest with Great Britain with honor & advantage.

"*Resolved*, That the Legislature & Executive authorities of this State, entertain the most proper sentiments of veneration & esteem for the Hon'ble the Continental Congress, & repose a perfect confidence in the wisdom & integrity of that Hon'ble body, which it is their intention to manifest on all occasions.

"JOSEPH REED, President.
"In behalf of the Council.

"JOHN HARRIS,
"In behalf of the Assembly."

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday April 6, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Shields, Esq'r, for the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars, to be delivered by him to Capt. Jos. Irwin of the Rangers, to be applied in raising his Company, the same to be charged to account of the said Capt. Irwin.

A Representation from John Hubly, Esq'r, respecting the Money expended by him in building a Store House at Lancaster, was read; & thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Hubley, Esq'r, or his order, for the sum of Eight hundred Pounds, to be applied in paying for materials & to Workmen, for the building of a Store House at Lancaster, for which Sum he is to account.

A Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of the 5th instant, was read;

Ordered, That the same be inserted on the Minutes, & they are as follows, Viz't:

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"In General Assembly.

"MONDAY April 5, 1779, P. M.

"*Resolved*, That the attention & care of the Supreme Executive Council of this State in detecting public abuses, are highly acceptable to this House, & that they will support them in the due discharge of so necessary a duty.

"*Resolved*, That the Executive powers of Government have been administered to the entire satisfaction of this House, & the general content of the good people of this State; & that this House cheerfully give this testimony of their approbation to his Excellency the President, & the other members of the Council, as an earnest of their resolution to support them in a continuance of the faithful & honorable discharge of their duty, & a mark of their perfect confidence & regard."

An order from Col. Flowers, for the delivery of so many Rifles from the Magazine at Carlisle as shall be necessary to arm five Companies of Rangers, &ca., being now presented to the Council;

Ordered, That the same be delivered to Mr. John Carson, of Carlisle, & that they be repaired under his care; & if it should so happen, That Mr. Carson should not accept of this appointment, in such case Stephen Duncan, Esq'r, is requested to undertake & complete the said business.

Another Resolve of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly of the 5th instant, was read, & is as follows, Viz.:

"In General Assembly.

"MONDAY, April 5, 1779, P. M.

"*Resolved*, That the Supreme Executive Council be & they are hereby empowered to borrow, on any emergency, any Sum of Money not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Pounds, from any person & persons willing to lend the same, & this House will at their next sitting, provide for the re-payment of such Sum or Sum's borrowed as above."

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Scott, Esq'r, Pay-master of Militia, of the County of Bucks, or his order, for the sum of One Thousand & Eight Hundred Pounds, for which sum he is to account.

Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Rush & Mr. James Craigg, be appointed to value the ship General Green, agreeable to the proposals made to the State by the Owners of her, & report thereon to this Council.

A Recommendation (by Col. Proctor & other officers of the Regiment of Artillery) of Capt. Amos Wilkinson, as a proper person to receive & deliver out the Articles enumerated by a Resolve of General Assembly of fifth of December last, was read; & thereupon,

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Ordered, That Capt. Amos Wilkinson be appointed to receive & deliver out to Col. Proctor's Regiment of Artillery, the Articles enumerated in the Resolve of General Assembly of the 5th December last, & that he do also deliver to the Rev'd Mr. Rogers, Chaplain of the Pennsylvania brigade, now doing duty in Philadelphia, his Ration of the said Articles.

Ordered, That on Monday next this Council will proceed to nominate & appoint the Officers of Marines on board the Ship General Green, & that notice thereof be given in the Public Papers, in order that Officers who chuse to tender their service on this occasion may have an opportunity so to do.

Resolved, That the Prize money of any Vessels which may hereafter be taken by any of the Cruizers fitted out by this State, be divided in such manner & proportions as shall be directed by the Supreme Executive Council of this State, previous to the Sailing of such Vessel, and Articles seized accordingly, & that the Officers, Sailors & Marines of the Vessels now fitted, or which may hereafter be fitted out by this State, be subject to the like Articles of War, Regulations and Tryal, as the Officers, Sailors & Marines of the Gallies in the service of this State now are.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Jos. Hart, for Seventy-Two Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six Pence, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday April 7, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
John Macky, &
John Hambright, } Esq'rs.

The Council resumed the consideration of the appointment of Officers of the five Companies of Rangers, they having obtained the best assistance from the Members of the General Assembly that has been in their power; & thereupon,

Ordered, That John McIlhaddon be appointed Captain, Robert Arthur First Lieutenant, of the Company of Rangers to be raised in the County of Northumberland; That Thomas Cluggage be appointed Captain, & ——— Means First Lieutenant of the Company of Rangers to be raised in the County of Bedford; And that Thomas Campbell be appointed Captain, Isaac Thompson first Lieutenant, & Alexander Parker, second Lieutenant, of the Company of

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Rangers proposed to be raised in the county of Cumberland; And the said Gentlemen are to take Rank respectively as may be hereafter settled, having respect to former rank & service.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favour of the Hon'ble James M'Lene, or his order, for the Sum of Eighty-four Pounds Eighteen Shillings & four Pence for his attendance in Council 32 days, & Mileage on 155 Miles.

Memorial of Lewis Nicola, Town Major, praying an order for the allowance of the Articles enumerated by the Resolve of General Assembly to be supplied to the Officers & Men of the Pennsylvania Troops, was read; &

On consideration,

Ordered, That Col. Farmer do supply Col. Lewis Nicola, Town Major, with the enumerated Articles ordered by General Assembly; & that Col. Nicola draw the same with Col. Proctor's Regiment.

A Return of an Election held for chusing in Buckingham & Warwick Townships, Two fit persons for Justices of the County of Bucks, was read, by which it appears that John Wilson & Benja. Snodgrass were elected; & thereupon,

Ordered, That John Wilson, Esq'r, be appointed and Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Bucks.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday April 8, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

The Resolve of General Assembly of the 5th instant being read & considered,

Resolved, That Mess. Blair, McClenaghan, & Matthew Irwin, be authorized to receive any Sums of Money which have been or may be subscribed by any persons on Loan to this State, the same to be repaid in Six Months or sooner, if convenient to the State; That they give Receipts to such Subscribers, & to make return to this Board, & to the Treasurer of the State, either paying over to him such Monies as they may receive, or passing the Accounts with him thereupon, so as that the same be made a regular transaction of the Treasury. [See also 742.]

The Hon'ble House of General Assembly having on the 24th of March last,

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Resolved, That the Officers, Seamen, & Mariners, employed in the Naval service of this State, be entitled to all the allowances & benefits to which Officers & Soldiers of this State be employed in the Armies of the United States, are entitled by the Resolutions of the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, passed on the 13th of the said Month.

Ordered, That Mr. William Crispin be appointed Commissary to purchase & distribute to the said Officers, Seamen, & Marines, the Articles enumerated in the said Resolve of the 13th of March; & that this Council will allow a reasonable compensation for his trouble therein.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Burd, Esq'r, or his order, for the sum of Six Thousand Dollars, to be by him paid to Capt. Tho's Cluggage of the Rangers to be raised in Bedford County, & to be charged to the said Cluggage.

[On this order is endorsed a Note to Mess. McClenaghan & Irwin, requesting them to Pay the said Sum, & return the order on the Treasurer as their Voucher.]

WHEREAS, these United States have been under a necessity, in order to carry on the present Just and necessary War with Great Britain, to emit very considerable Sums of Paper Currency, some emissions of which have not been yet declared by a Law of the State to be legal tender, & many evil minded & disaffected persons may endeavour to take advantage thereof, to the prejudice of the public as well as indviduals:

And Whereas, the length of the present Sessions, & the necessity of the members of this House to return to their respective Counties, does not admit of complying with the necessary requisitions of the Constitution, in order to the passing of a Law; But this House being desirous to express their detestation of such dangerous & pernicious measures:

Resolved, That any person who shall refuse such of the Bills of Credit emitted by the Hon'ble Continental Congress, as have not been made a legal tender in payment of any Debt or Contract, in which the Continental Bills of Credit which have been declared to be legal tender might be legally tendered, such person is & ought to be considered as an Enemy to his Country, & a betrayer of the liberties thereof.

A Letter from the Hon'ble John Jay, Esq'r, enclosing Resolves of Congress of the 23d March & 5th instant.

A Letter from Maj. John Browne, of the 5th Battalion of Philadelphia County, inclosing his Commission, was read.

Ordered, To lie on the Table.

Jacob S. Howell having resigned his appointment as Receiver General of Cloathing, & the same being accepted, The Council desire he will prepare his Accounts for settlement.

The Resolution of General Assembly of the 5th instant being read & considered,

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Resolved, That Messieurs McClanaghan & Irwin be authorized to receive any Sums of Money which have been or may be subscribed by any Persons on Loan to this State, the Sum to be repaid in 6 Months, or sooner, if convenient to the State. That they give Receipts to such subscribers, & make return to the Board, and to the Treasurer of the State, either Paying over to him such monies as they may receive, or passing the Accounts with him thereupon, so as that same be made a regular transaction of the Treasury.—
[See antea 741.]

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble the General Assembly of this State did, at the late Session,

"*Resolve*, That every Officer of the Continental Army should receive Annually a Suit of Uniform Cloathes; And also, that the Officers, Marines & Sailors in the Service of the State, should be entitled to the same allowances, benefits & Provisions, as the Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Army,"

Whereby it is become necessary to appoint a suitable person to purchase & procure Cloathing, agreeable to the said Resolve, & also to issue the same, as far as the same may be done without attending in Camp,

Resolved, That Lieu. Col. Lewis Farmer be appointed Commissary of Cloathing, & perform the Duties aforesaid, & that he receive the same Pay & allowances as Mr. Howell has done.

Ordered, That Jacob S. Howell do deliver over to Col. Lewis Farmer, all the Cloathing now in his possession belonging either to the State or the Continent, taking his Receipt for the same.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday April 9, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
John Macky, &
John Hambright, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. John Bull, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, for which sum he is to be accountable.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday April, 10, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

A Letter from the Treasury board, respecting Robert Leatham, a private in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment.

Ordered, That Col. Hampton be desired to furnish Council with a Copy of the Commitment of the said Leatham.

Resolved, That the depositions taken on the Election of James Thompson, Esq'r, Councellor for York County, be transmitted to the Chief Justice & other Justices of the Supreme Court, who are desired to consider the same, & also the Constitution of this board, & the Act of Assembly respecting Election, & give their opinion on the following question, Viz:

"Whether the Supreme Executive Council is, by the Constitution & Laws of this State, vested with power to proceed against George Eichelberger for a breach of Priviledge, & Commit him to Prison, agreeable to the practice of Representative bodies in cases of breach of priviledge."

The Petition of Robert McNeil, a Prisoner now under Sentence of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Lancaster County, for Stealing a Horse, was read, & referred for further consideration when a transcript of the Sentence is had.

The Petition of Christopher Crawford, a Sub-Lieutenant of Lancaster County, representing his difficulty in obtaining a Settlement with the Lieutenant of the said County, was read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be sent to Colonel Galbraith, in order that satisfaction be given this Board thereon, or the Petitioner be satisfied.

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The Council met.

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL LIBRARY.

PHILAD'A, Monday, April 12, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

Ordered, That the Secretary, as keeper of the Register for forfeited Estates, do give notice that they will be sold in a short time, which notice is as follows, Viz:

"The Public are hereby advertised, that the real Estates late of Joseph Galloway & Andrew Allen, Esquires, late members of the Congress of the Thirteen United Colonies, now States of America, for Pennsylvania; William Allen, the younger, Esq'r, sometime a Captain & afterwards a Lieutenant Colonel of a Regiment or Battalion of foot, in the service of the said United Colonies, now States of America; James Rankin and John Rankin, both late of the County of York, Yeomen; Jacob Duck the younger, late of the City of Philadelphia, late Chaplain of the said United States; Gilbert Hicks, late of Bucks County, Yeoman; Samuel Shoemaker, late Alderman of the City of Philadelphia; John Potts, late of Pottsgrove, in the County of Philadelphia, Yeoman; Nathaniel Vernon, late Sheriff of Chester County; Christian Foutts, late Lieu. Col. of Militia in the County of Lancaster; John Biddle, late of Berks County, Yeoman, late Collector of Excise for the said County, and late a Deputy Quarter Master of the Army of the United States; John Roberts, late of the County of Philadelphia, Miller; Abraham Carlisle, House Carpenter; John Parrack, Yeoman; Philip Marchinton, Alexa. Bartram, Traders; Joel Evans, Merchant; John Henderson, Mariner; Alexander Smith, Blacksmith & William Austen, Yeoman, late keeper of the New Jersey Ferry, all of the City of Philadelphia; Christopher Baur, the younger, late of Germantown, Printer; David Thompson, Shipwright; John Tolly, Mariner, both late of Southwark; Henry Hugh Ferguson, Esq'r, (late Commissary of Prisoners for General Howe,) heretofore of Grœme Park, all late of the County of Philadelphia: John Ellwood, late of Bristol Township, in Bucks County, Waterman; Samuel Biles, late Sheriff of Bucks County; Michael Whitman, & Henry Skyles, Husbandman, & George Reine, Miller, all late of Lancaster County; Curtis Lewis, Blacksmith, & Richard Swanwick, heretofore of the Custom House of Philadelphia, both late of Chester County, Yeoman; & Joseph Romich, late of Northampton County, Yeoman; & John Young, heretofore of Grœme Park, in the County of Philadelphia, late of the City of Philadelphia, Gentleman; And Peter Campbell, Gentleman, and Isaac Al-

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len, Esq'r, Attorney at Law, both late of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey; And Andrew Elliott, Esq'r, now or late of New York city, in the State of New York; & others situate, lying & being within divers Counties of this State, forfeited to the use of the Commonwealth by the attainder of the said persons, & every of them, for High Treason, will be speedily sold by Public Auction or Vendue, to the best & highest bidders, exonerated & discharged of all former claims or demands made under any of the said Traitors; the said real Estates to be assured to the buyers by Deeds or Conveyances, under the Seal of the State, signed by the President or Vice President in Council, upon payment of the purchase Money.

"And all Creditors & others are hereby informed, that by an Act of Assembly entitled 'An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & the vesting their Estates in the Commonwealth, & for more effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining the lawful Debts & Claims thereupon," three Months are allowed to all Creditors & others having claims & demands on the personal Estates late of the Traitors aforesaid, to exhibit the same; The said Three Months to be reckoned from & after the date of the entry of such Estates in the Register kept by the Secretary of the Supreme Executive Council; & in Six Months, for all claims on the Real Estates late of the Traitors aforesaid, to be reckoned from & after the date of the entry of such Real Estates on the Register kept by the Sheriff of the County were such forfeited Estate lies. All such claims & demands to be made before the Judges of the Supreme Court in term time, or in the vacation to the Chief Justice, written on Parchment or Paper, Signed by the parties making the same, or by their Attorneys or other Representatives, testified by two or more subscribing Witnesses, attesting the same, or in default thereof, every such claim or demand to be void.

"And Whereas, by a Supplement to the Act of Assembly aforesaid, it is directed, 'That whenever such intended Sale (the Sales of the said Real Estates forfeited as aforesaid) shall be advertised, Public notice shall also be given, That the Creditors of the said Traitors, & all claimants upon the said respective Estates, shall exhibit their several claims & demands to the Justices of the Supreme Court, for Payment or satisfaction, as is by the said Act directed, within Six Months thereafter, if residents within this State, or within Twelve Months if residents within any other of the United States, or be forever barred from the recovery thereof; provided always, nevertheless, that any Creditor or Claimant, shall at the time of such notice given, be within the Age of Twenty One Years, feme covert, non compos mentis, imprisoned, or beyond Sea, that then such persons shall be at liberty to exhibit their claims or demands as other persons now may, within Six Months, or if residents within any other of the United States, within twelve Months after such disability is removed.

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"Wherefore, public notice is hereby accordingly given, and all Creditors & others concerned, are hereby called upon to make their claims, & proceed in the manner as is in & by the said Acts of General Assembly directed.

"Published by order of the Council.

"TIMOTHY MATLACK,

"Secretary & keeper of the Register for forfeited Estates."

A Letter from Blair McClanaghan & Matthew Irwin, was read, dated March 27, 1779; And thereupon,

Ordered, That James Montgomery be appointed Captain of the Ship General Green. [See antea, page 730.]

A Letter from the board of War, recommending Jesse Thompson, wounded & Scalped on the expedition against the Indians on the East branch of Susquehanna, to the notice of the Council,

Ordered, That the Receiver Gen'l of Cloating do furnish the said Jesse Thompson with such Cloathing as Mr. Hambright shall on enquiry find to be absolutely necessary for him.

Resolved, That Capt. Rob't Caldwell, formerly an Officer in the State Reg't commanded by Col. Atlee, taken Prisoner at Mount Washington & lately exchanged, be appointed to the Command of the Marines on board the Ship Gen'l Green, & John Hambright, jun., Lieutenant of Marines on board the said Ship. See 751.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday April 13, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

An application from Sam'l C. Morris, for himself & the Owners of the Brig. Achiles, requesting to be supplied with 400 Shot, between 2 & 3 Pound weight, was read.

Ordered, That the said application be referred to Capt. Stiles and George Henry, who are to report whether the State can spare the Shot without inconvenience.

Whereas, frequent applications are made to this board for the Remission of Fines & other Punishments inflicted on offenders by the several Courts of Justice in this State, the determination upon which deeply effect the safety of the inhabitants & the cause of Public Justice: Wherefore,

Resolved, That it be a standing Rule, that no such applications be proceeded on, farther than reading them, unless a transcript of

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the sentence of the Court be also sent to this Board, signed by the proper Officer, & that it will in future be expected that the Judges of the Court before which any Criminal is convicted, or some of them, do recommend the case to this Board, with their reasons for so doing.

A Letter from The Hon'ble John Jay, Esq'r, President of Congress, of this date, inclosing Resolves of Congress of the 3d ins., respecting the unanimity of the United States, &cà.

On application of Col. Rich'd Hampton,

Ordered, That David Williams, committed by the Council, when in Lancaster, for carry Provisions to the Enemy, be discharged on Paying his Prison Fees.

Ordered, That the Fines due to the State from John Flaherty, convicted of Larceny, & Adam McKean, also convicted of Larceny, be remitted, & that they be discharged on their paying their Fees, & making restitution to the Owners of the Goods Stolen.

A Draft by Congress on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer of the United States, in favor of this Council, for the Sum of Two Millions of Dollars, was delivered to the Council by Dr. William Shippen, Esq'r, in the following words, was read, Viz:

"*Ordered*, That the same made Payable to David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer of the State, & the same was endorsed accordingly."

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday April 14, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Macky, John Hambright, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart, &

A Letter from Mr. Matt'w Irwin & Mr. Robert Bridges, requesting to purchase two Twelve Pound, long Cannon, belonging to the State:

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry do direct an appraisment of two Twelve Pounders, long Cannon, now on Plumsted's Wharf, & sell them to Matthew Irwin & Robert Bridges, if they can be spared without inconvenience to the State.

The following three orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

In favour of His Excell'y the President, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, in part of his salary.

In favor of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of raising a

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Company of Rangers in the County of Northumberland, & to be by him forwarded to Col. Sam'l Hunter, Lieu. of the County of Northumberland; the same to be charged to the said Hambright.

In favour of Philip Marsteller, Esq'r, Paymaster of Militia for the county of Lancaster, or his order, for the sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Also, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Ebenezer Cowell exhibited an account of work done in repairing of Arms; & the same being examined,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Ebenezer Cowell, or his order, for the Sum of Six Hundred & Thirty-eight Pounds & Six Shillings, Amount of the said Account.

Petition of divers inhabitants of Augusta Township, in the County of Northumberland, representing the inconveniency they labor under from the want of a Magestrate in the East end of the Township, & praying the appointment of John Simpson, whom they recommend, was read; but as the Council have not a right to appoint more Justices than are already Commissioned in the said Township, the Prayer of the Petition cannot be complied with until the Township shall be divided by the Justices in the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, & an Election held according to Law.

A Letter of the 10th ins., from Ralph Pomeroy, Esq'r, Commissioner of Cloathing Accounts.

A Letter from the Consul of France

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday April 15, 1779

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Macky, John Hambright, } Esq'rs
Joseph Hart, &

Representation of Robt. McNair, one of the Agents for seizing of forfeited Estates in the County of Northampton, in behalf of divers persons who have heretofore purchased lands of Andrew Allen, Esq'r, & who are now ready to Pay the residue of the purchase Money, was read & referred to the Judges of the Supreme Court, for their determination.

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Capt. Zigler's Letter of the 10th ins., with the inclosures, being read, & considered,

Resolved, That the Secretary do inform him, That the account of the number of Rations, which is considered as the most material article of information, is not to be omitted by any means, & that no Women are to be included in the allowance, or can be henceforth carried upon the return; That it is expected particular care will be taken that no Articles issue to any officers or soldiers not actually in Camp; That he be desired to acquaint the Board what allowance is made in the distribution of the like articles by the State of Connecticut; That these returns be transmitted to Col. Farmer, to be examined & filed.

An application from William Crispin, Commissary, being read; thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Crispin, Commissary, or his order, for the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

A Petition of John Reynolds, praying to be appointed First Lieutenant of the Franklin Galley, vacant by the advance of Sam'l Carson, to be Lieu. of the Ship General Green, was read, together with the recommendation of Nathan Boys, George Garland, Isaac Roaels & Stephen Beaseley; thereupon,

Ordered, That John Reynolds be appointed First Lieutenant of the Franklin Galley, & Commissioned accordingly.

The Petition of Isaac Ely, praying to be appointed Second Lieutenant of the Franklin Galley, vacant by the appointment of John Reynolds to be 1st Lieu of the same, was read; and a recommendation by his superior Officers, were also read; thereupon,

Ordered, That Isaac Ely be appointed Second Lieutenant of the Franklin Galley, & Commissioned accordingly.

The Petition of Ann Tatnall, Widow of Capt. Robert Tatnall, late of the Porcupine Guard Boat, deceased, Praying that she may be allowed his Pay & Rations from the time of his being made Prisoner until the third day of March last, the day of his Death, he being at that time a Prisoner, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the Widow of Capt. Tatnall be allowed the Pay & Rations of her deceased Husband until the third of March last, the time of his decease. The Rations to be paid for at their value when they became due.

Maj. Gen'l Armstrong having personally recommended James Thompson as worthy of trust,

Ordered, That Mr. John Thompson be appointed Pay-master of the Five Companies of Rangers now to be raised by authority of Congress for the defence of the Frontiers of this State; & also Muster Master of the said Five Companies, & to Muster such of the Militia of the State as may be called into the Continental service, for the defence of the North Western frontiers of the State; And that he be allowed Pay & Rations as a Deputy Muster Mas-

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ter in the Continental Army, & also the Pay & Rations of a Reg't Pay-master.

A Letter from the Hon'ble Matt'w Smith, Esq'r, of the 8th instant.

Ordered, That James Collier be appointed Captain of the Company of Rangers proposed to be raised in the County of Lancaster, William Young, first Lieutenant, & Will'm Kelso, second Lieutenant, of the said County.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Hambright, Esq'r, for the Sum of Six Thousand Dollars, to be by him forwarded to the Hon'ble Matt'w Smith, Esq'r, to be applied in raising the Company of Rangers in the County of Lancaster.

Ordered, That Sam'l Carson be appointed first Lieu., Jacob De Hart, Second Lieu. of the Ship General Green.

That Rob't Caldwell be appointed Capt. of Marines, & John Hambright, jun., Lieu. of Marines on board the said Ship.—[See 747.]

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday April 16, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, John Macky, & } Esq'rs.

A Certificate of the Valuation of the Ship General Green, at £53,057 10, Signed by Joseph Rush, James Craig, jun., Thomas Penrose & Sam'l C. Morris, was read.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob S. Howell, Receiver General of Cloathing, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, for which Sum he is to account.

Ordered, That a Proclamation be issued, recommending to the good people of this State, to set apart the first Thursday of May next as a day of Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer to Almighty God, agreeably to the Resolve of Congress of the 20th day of March last.

Council observing that the Act of Assembly of this State, entitled "An Act to prohibit the Sale of Goods, Wares & Merchandises by Public Vendue, & to regulate Pedlars & Hawkers within this State," is openly violated by the Sale of Goods at Auction in this City, as tho' no such restraint were in force; & being determined to bring the offenders against the Law to punishment,

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Ordered, That the principal enacting Paragraph thereof concerning Vendues be published, to the end that all persons who may be proceeded against, may be without the excuse of ignorance.

A Letter from Aaron Ogden, Major of Brigade of the 12th ins't, enclosing a Receipt for Frederick Verner, sent to New York in Exchange for Capt. Taylor.

A Letter from Ralph Pomeroy, Commissioner of Cloathing Accounts, requesting to be furnished with the account of Cloathing supplied to any of the Continental Troops.

Ordered, That the Receiver General of Cloathing for this State do furnish to Mr. Ralph Pomeroy, Commissioner of Cloathing Accounts, a complete account of the Cloathing furnished by him to the Continental Troops, & that the same be forwarded with all possible dispatch to James Mease, Esq'r, where Mr. Pomeroy will receive them.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Moyes, or his order, for the Sum of One hundred & Twenty-five Pounds on account, & charge the same to his account.

Adjourned 'til Monday, His Excell'y the President, being under the necessity of visiting the Fortifications on the River.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday April 19, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice-President.

Joseph Hart, John Hambright, & Jac. Arndt, } Esq'rs.
John Macky,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Caleb Lorne, or his order, for the Sum of thirty-five Pounds, for cutting the State Arms in Printer's metal.*

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. Lewis Farmer, Commissioner for purchasing, &ca, or his order, for the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds, the same to be charged to account of the said Col. Farmer.

An application from Francis McClester, master-workman, employed in building Cheveaux de Frize, for 2 large double blocks, one single block, one large Tackle fall, & 8 small blocks & falls, was read; thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry do furnish Mr. Francis McClester with 2 large double blocks, 1 single block, 1 large Tackle fall, & 8 small blocks & falls, for which Mr. McClester is to ac-

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count to Mr. Henry. This Plate of the Arms is in the hands of Hall & Sellers.

Petitions of Lieut's Honeyman & Pugh, praying to be allowed to draw the enumerated Articles was read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to further consideration, Congress having lately made some regulations which may include the Petitioners & which are not yet come to hand.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Macky, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Four Hundred Dollars, in part of his pay as Councellor.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday April 20th, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Macky, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
Joseph Hart, &

Capt. Hambright retired with leave for a few weeks.

A letter from the Hon'ble John Jay, Esq'r, President of Congress, dated 18th ins. enclosing two Acts of Congress of the 14th ins. One relative to persons going within the Enemy's lines; The other relative to the exportation of Provisions to the State of Massachusetts Bay.

Petition of James Dundas, for Money, &ca, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner lay a state of his accounts before the board, in order to warrant issuing as prayed.

On application by Col. Humpton,

Ordered, That the following named seven persons, now confined in the Goal of this City, on charges of Felony, be discharged, they paying the fees & making restitution of the Goods stolen & the Prosecutors respectively being satisfied, Viz:

Joseph Hoskins, alias Dukes, belonging to the 5th Pennsylvania Reg't; Patrick Ivory, 1st Maryland Reg't; John Cluney, Maryland Reg't; John Blaney, alias Seine, James Reynolds & John Bowman, all of the 10th Pennsylvania Reg't; Joseph Brown, 9th Pennsylvania Reg't

A Letter from the Judges of the Supreme Court, dated this day, & enclosing a Trenscript of the conviction of George Hardy, of the the City of Philadelphia, of Treason, at a Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal delivery, held at Philadelphia, for the City

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& County of Philadelphia, on the eighth day of April instant, & the sentence of the said Court, that the said George Hardy be hanged by the Neck 'til he be dead; & that Petitions of the Jurors charged with the trial of the indictment of George Hardy, &ca; And also the Petition of a number of inhabitants in favor of the said George Hardy; And the same, with the inclosed Papers, were read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That a Warrant be issued for the execution of the Sentence of the Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal delivery upon George Hardy; & that the same be executed on Saturday the first day of May next, between the Hours of Ten O'Clock in the forenoon & two O'Clock in the Afternoon, at the usual place of Execution.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Petitions in favor of George Hardy, be to Wednesday the 28th ins.

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to John Hubley, Esq'r, of Lancaster, & request him to send down to Philadelphia the two brass Field Pieces now in that Borough; And to send down also, by the same opportunity, the Writing Paper committed to his care.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday April 21, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

Resolved, That Dav'd Rittenhouse, Esq'r, the Treasurer, be directed to find sufficient security, to be approved of by the Judge of the Amiralty, for the share adjudged to the State of the Prize Sloop Active, taken by the Brigantine Convention & the Gerard Privateer; & take up the Money, which will exceed Eleven Thousand Pounds, for the use of the State; One-half the Sum allotted to the Convention coming to the State.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Peter De Haven be appointed an Agent for forfeited Estates in the County of Philadelphia.

A Recommendation from Col. Francis Johnston, of the Pennsylvania Reg't, in favor of Benja. Marshall as a suitable person to be an Ensign in the said Regiment, being read; it was thereupon,

Ordered, That Benjamin Marshall be appointed an Ensign in the fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Col. F. Johnston.

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WHEREAS, divers books belonging to the State Library are missing, & there is reason to apprehend that the same are in the hands of persons who have had recourse to the said Library, & who have neglected to return them; therefore,

Ordered, That Public notice be given to all persons having Books belonging to the State, to return the same to the Secretary without delay, otherwise the Council will be induced to think they are detained from improper motives, and to take further measures for the recovery of them.

The Hon'ble George Ross, Esq'r, Judge of the Admiralty, attended in Council & took the Oath required by the Constitution to qualify him for his said Office.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday April 22, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
John Macky, & } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

The Memorial of Theobald Shubel being read,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the Justices of the Supreme Court, & that they be desired to make immediate enquiry into the facts charged, & do therein what to Justice shall appertain.

A letter from His Excell'y Gen'l Washington, dated the 19th ins. was read.

A Petition of Matthew Gregg, Waggon Master of the County of Cumberland, being read & Considered,

Ordered, That the Petitioner be informed, That as Waggon Masters are absolutely necessary for the Public Service, & as it has been a practice for the Quarter Master General to pay the Waggoners when called forth under the Waggon Law, by a parity of reasons every other necessary Officer ought to be paid in the same manner, & that it will very much embarrass that service from which the Quarter Master's department has derived so much benefit, if difficulties are made in Payment.

Mr. Drayton returned 2 Vols. of State Tracts belonging to the State Library.

Whereas, the Hon'ble House of General Assembly, on the 31st day of August last,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Supreme Executive Council, to appoint Auditors to hear & determine the claims of

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John Eyre, and such other persons as have had Timber & Plank taken from them by the Enemy, & employed in building the Redoubts & bridge near this City;

And the said John Eyre now applying to have the said Resolve carried into execution,

Ordered, That William Ball, Esq'r, William Moore, Esq'r, & Mr. John Purviance, be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid; And that they be directed to give Public notice of the time & place of their meeting, & report to the Gen'l Assembly at their next meeting.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Dundas, Paymaster at Billingsport, or his order, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, for which Sum he is to account.

Ordered, That Two Companies of the Battalion of Artillery of this City, & the adjoining districts, be immediately called into service, to relieve the Garrison at Mud Island & Billingsport, consisting of Col. Proctor's Reg't, now called into the field for other service; And that the Lieutenant of the City & adjoining Districts, be directed to draw out the said two Companies as soon as may be, & send one of them to Mud Island, and the other to Billingsport.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday April 23, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
John Macky, &
Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

A Petition of James White, praying permission for his Wife to go into New York, was read.

Application of James Walsh to be appointed Superintendant of Arms, was read.

Application of Major Eyre, for the Payment of the Money due for the Ship General Green, was read.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Benj'a Eyer & Co., or their order, for the Sum of Fifty-three Thousand & Fifty-seven Pounds & Eleven Shillings, consideration Money for the Ship General Green, purchased of the said Company for the use of the State.

Information being received that there remains in the hands of Esq'r Patterson, about 160 Stand of Arms & some Ammunition, which was sent to arm the Militia who escorted the Convention

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Troops thro' this State, & which Mr. Patterson is desirous of delivering up,

Ordered, That William Henry, Esq'r, Lieu. of the City, be requested to send a suitable person to bring down the said Arms & Ammunition.

An application from Maj. Armstrong, for Money to Pay the Workmen employed at Billingsport, &ca.; thereupon,

Ordered, was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. John Bull, or his order, for the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday April 24, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, John Macky, & } Esq'rs.

The return of Justices for

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Petition of Capt. B. Van Hier, praying that his Troop of Horse may be allowed to draw enumerated Articles, was read & rejected.

WHEREAS, it hath been heretofore represented by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to this Board, that the intercourse which has been maintained by the passing of so many Persons to New York, is exceedingly prejudicial to the Interests of America generally, & the safety of the Army in particular; & it being also apparent that some persons who have been recommended to go within the Enemies line on condition of not returning, have nevertheless returned, & are now residing in this State.

Resolved, That this Board will not in future give any recommendation but in cases of a particular & extraordinary nature, & then only to such as shall be recommended to the Board by persons of known good Character: And that in all cases where a recommendation is given upon condition of not returning without the permission of Public Authority, & two good Securities be given for the performance, or the application be rejected.

Ordered, That the following Pay be allowed to the Captain & other Sea Officers on board the Ship General Green, Viz:

Captain 50 Dollars ℔ month; 1st Lieutenant 30 Dollars ℔ do; 2d Lieutenant 24 Dollars ℔ do; Surgeon 24 Dollars ℔ do; Muster Master 24 Dollars ℔ do; Master's Mate 15 Dollars ℔ do;

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Boatswain 13 Dollars ℔ do; Boatswain's Mate 9 Dollars ℔ do; Gunner 13 Dollars ℔ do; Gunner's Mate 9 Dollars ℔ do; Carpenter 15 Dollars ℔ do; Gunner's Mate 9 Dollars ℔ do; Cooper 9 Dollars ℔ do; Midshipman 12 Dollars ℔ do; Armourer 9 Dollars ℔ do; Cook 9 Dollars ℔ do; Steward 10 Dollars ℔ do; That the Capt. of Marines receive 30 Dollars ℔ do, & the Lieutenants 20 Dollars ℔ do; That the Capt. of the Ship General Green be allowed 40 Dollars ℔ week for Subsistence in domestic Ports, in lieu of all Rations; & whilst at Sea 20 Dollars ℔ Week for Cabbin expences; That the Lieutenants of the Ships, Surgeons, Captains, & Lieutenants of Marines, whilst in actual service & domestic Ports, be allowed 20 Dollars ℔ Week for subsistance, during such time as the Ship is not in condition to receive them on board.

A letter wrote to the board of War, requesting to know whether this State is a separate department from the department of the Commander in Chief, within the meaning of the Resolution of Congress of the Instant.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday April 26, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

Mr. Peter Dehaven having declined the Office of Agent of forfeited Estates,

Ordered, That Mr Thomas Cuthbert be appointed to said Office, & that the Secretary give him notice thereof.

A Petition from Mr. Hunter, to Pass to New York, rejected; A like Petition from Mary & Middleton Braddock, in order to go to Europe, to their Friends, granted upon condition of not returning, and sureties given in £500 for the performance of the condition.

A Letter wrote to the Agents desiring them to recommend a second Lieutenant & Master to the Ship General Green, & that preference be given to the Old Supernumary Officers of the state, if of abilities. At the same time inclosed recruiting instructions, to Capt Caldwell, of the Marines; Also, enclosed Mr. Henry's list of the Stores under his care, & directed the Agents to take as much as they could from thence, to save expence.

A Letter received from the Board of War, informing that Rawlins Reg't would soon begin their March to Fort Pitt.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday April 27, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

A Letter was written to Congress respecting a proposed resuming of the case of General Arnold.

Major Armstrong, superintendant of the workmen at the Fortifications on Delaware, applied for the use of a pair of Timber Wheels.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to request of Col. Mitchell, A. Q. M. G. to supply Maj. Armstrong with the use of a pair of Timber Wheels, on his application for it.

Petition of A. Kleir, Colonel, praying allowance of enumerated Articles, was read & rejected.

A return of an Election for chusing Justices of the Peace for the District of West Fallowfield, Sadsbury & West Cales, in the County of Chester, was read; by which it appears that William Cloughan, Esq'r, & Joseph Parker, were chosen; thereupon,

Ordered, That Will'm Cloughan, Esq'r, be appointed & Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Chester.

The following Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

In favour of Thomas Nevil, or his order, for the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account; &

In favor of Robt. Lollar, Esq'r, Paymaster of Militia of the County of Philadelphia, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand & five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

Application for a recommendation of Mrs. Duche to pass into the City of New York with her children, being now read,

Ordered, That a recommendation be given to Mrs. Duche, wife of the Rev'd Jacob Duche, to pass into New York with her children, she giving security not to return again without permission from the Authority of the State, in the Sum of £1500.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday April 28, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

An application for Money from Capt. Stiles; & thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capt. Jos. Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, or his order, for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

A Letter to the Secretary from Matt'w Clarkson, was read.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Matt'w Clarkson, Esq'r, be appointed & Commissioned to be Marshall of the Admiralty. Matt'w Clarkson offers as sureties Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, & Dr. Ger. Clarkson, & they are approved.

A Letter from Patrick Anderson of 27th ins, representing that Elections of Officers in the Militia have been held in Chester County, & voters admitted who have not taken the test, & returns of the said Election by Col. Gronow.

Ordered, That the Secretary do write Col. Gronow, & enquire into the aforesaid charge.

The Secretary represented to Council, that he had not been able to determine whether the Fees on Marriage Licences were to be raised, as well as the Fee Payable to the State, as on his own fees, & requested their direction therein. On consideration of the Law, it was the Opinion of Council that tho' Assembly probably intended to have raised the Fee due to the State, yet the words did not fully authorize the Secretary to raise it.

Petition of Rob't McNeil, a Prisoner in the Goal of the County of Lancaster, convicted of stealing a Mare, the property of John Harris, was read; And it appearing that having suffered the Corporal Punishment adjudged, he had agreed to bind himself a Servant to Pay his Fees.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the case of Geo. Hardy, now under sentence of Death, be referred to to-morrow.

A return of Justices elect for the district of lower Saucon Township, in the County of Northampton, was read, by which it appears that John Biles & Anthony Lirch the elder, were elected; & thereupon,

Ordered, That John Biles be appointed & Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Northampton.

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The Council Met.

PHILAD'A Thursday April 29, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
John Macky, & } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

Passes granted to Robert Dunbar & Alexander McFarlin, to North Carolina.

A Letter from Col. Rich'd Humpton, of the Tenth Pennsylvania Reg't, respecting the settlement of his accounts, & a Note to him from the Auditors of the Public Accounts; Thereupon,

A Letter was written to the Auditors on that Subject.

Andrew Boyd, Esq'r, County Waggon Master of Chester County, & his Deputies, having applied to this Board for their Pay in said Offices,

Resolved, That is the opinion of this Board, that the same being a regular charge to the United States, founded upon Law, & Calculated for their advantage, & which has been found beneficial to the Quarter Master's department, it will promote the service & be most regular that they should be paid by the Quarter Masters in the first instance. County Waggon Masters is by Law entitled to Major's Pay & Rations when in actual service, Deputy Waggon Masters, Captain's Pay & Rations during actual service; And that the Present Petitioners be recommended to the Quarter Master General or his Assistants, therefor,

The Board taking into consideration the great difficulty attending the attempt to Man the State Ship General Green, & that divers of the Seamen which had entered themselves on board her, have been induced to go on board Merchantmen, after having received a great part of their bounty Money,

Ordered, That an Embargo be laid on all Ships & other Vessels for & during the space of fifteen days, & that the Officers Commanding at Billingsport & Mud Island be directed to stop all outward bound Vessels until further orders from this Council.

The Council resumed the consideration of the unhappy case of George Harding, & the two several Petitions of divers inhabitants, The Petition of his Wife, The Petition of the Jurymen who convicted him, & the representation of the Judges of the Supreme Court, being read, & some considerable time being spent in deliberation; thereupon,

Ordered, That this Council do dismiss the said Petitions.

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A Letter from Gen'l St. Clair, requesting the Accounts against Recruiting Officers to be sent to Camp, as many Soldiers Complain they have not been paid their bounty,

Ordered, That a Transcript of said accounts be forwarded to Camp, & that Gen'l St. Clair be informed that the Congress has not furnished this Board with any Money for the Recruiting Service.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Thomas Hewitt, Esq'r, & his Brother, the Justices of Northumberland, that the discharge of a Soldier by a Court of Sessions is irregular and improper, the Sessions not having such a power, and that Joseph McHarg, of the 12th Pennsylvania Reg't, who has been lately discharged upon his own Affidavit, ought to be delivered up to his proper Officer, & procure his discharge in the usual form.

A Letter from Mr. Wilercks, in behalf of himself & others, Owners of the Scho. Liberty & Brig Achilles, setting forth that the same is bound to Statia, laden with Tobacco, and the other to Martinico, laden with Flour, for the use of the French Fleet; that both are cleared, & requesting permits to pass the Forts, & engages that no Seaman in the Service of the State on board either.

Resolved, That a Pass be given to the Achilles, on the Master giving good Security in £2000, not to carry off any Seaman or Mariner in the service of the State, or any Seaman belonging to the Vessels of the Subjects of His most Christian Majesty, without leave obtained from the Consul in Writing.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday April 30, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, John Macky, & } Esq'rs.

Ordered, That a Certificate be granted to Mrs. Duche, Wife of Jacob Duche, late of this City, of her having obtained leave to depart this State with her family & Children, on her Voyage to Great Britain, & a recommendation to such of the Citizens of the United States into whose hands she may fall, to treat her with kindness & humanity.

An application being now made by John Wharton, Esq'r, in behalf of the Navy Board middle department of the United States, for permission for the Sloop Polly, Sanford Monroe, Master, laden with 189 bbls. Flour, 11 bbls. of Middlings, & 100 bbls. of Ship

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Stuff, for the use of the Navy at Boston, to clear out for the said Port.

Ordered, That the Naval Officer be directed to clear out the said Sloop Polly for Boston.

Ordered, That the Officer commanding at Billingsport & Mud Island, be directed to permit the Sloop Polly, Capt. Sanford Monroe, to pass on her Voyage to Boston, any orders to the contrary from this Council notwithstanding.

The following Proclamation, laying an Embargo on Vessels Outward bound, being read & considered, was ordered to be issued, Viz:

"*Pennsylvania, ss:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"*By His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President, & the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"WHEREAS, the Hon'ble the General Assembly of this State, at the earnest solicitations & instance of the Merchants & Traders of this City, did resolve, that a Ship of War should be fitted out with all Possible dispatch, for the protection & security of the Trade & Commerce of this State:

"And this Board having accordingly procured and equipped a Vessel for the said purposes, at a very great Public expence, it is now represented that notwithstanding the great encouragement given, a sufficient number of Seamen & Mariners have not yet entered on board said Ship, & also that many Masters of outward bound Vessels have received & carried off seamen belonging to said Ship, who had taken the Public bounty, whereby there is just cause to fear that the said Ship may be delayed on her Cruize, & our inveterate Enemies continue their depredations & insults without any Check:

"In order therefore, the more effectually to execute the beneficial intentions of the Legislature, & answer the reasonable expectations of the Merchants and other Traders, by affording them immediate relief & protection: (all other measures to remedy said evil having been found ineffectual:)

"We do hereby lay an embargo on all outward bound Vessels whatsoever, for & during the space of Fifteen days, and for that purpose do forbid the clearing out & dispatch, & the sailing of any Ship or other Vessel, of which the Naval Officer, the Commanding Officers of the Gallies & of the Forts on the Delaware, & the said State Ship, & all other Officers in the service of this State, are to take notice & govern themselves accordingly.

"*And Whereas*, it hath been represented to this Board that some persons, preferring their own private gain to the benefit & service

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of their Country, have clandestinely Shipped & exported Flour & other Provisions, contrary to the Law of this State; *We do*, therefore, hereby strictly enjoin & require all Merchants, Traders, Masters of Vessels, & others, to Pay a due regard to the said Law, declaring that the most effectual measures will be taken to detect & punish such parties in future, & the Law enforced in its fullest extent.

"Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excell'y the President, & the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this thirtieth day of April, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy-Nine.

JOSEPH REED, President.

"Attest:—T. MATLACK, Sec'y."

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday May 1, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
John Macky, & } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

The Council again resumed the consideration of the case of George Harding, now under sentence of Death, & ordered to be executed this day; & after a full consideration of his case,

Ordered, That the said George Harding be reprieved until the end of the next Session of General Assembly, the word Session being understood to mean sitting.

John Wilcox attended & represented that the Schooner Liberty, Henry Hawkins, Master, had cleared out before the embargo was laid, & that she has passed the Fortifications at Billingsport and Mud Island; & on Consideration,

Ordered, That the Scho. Liberty, Henry Hawkins, Master, be permitted to pass on her voyage, any order of this Council heretofore given to the contrary notwithstanding.

A Petition of Jacob Deisher, Supervisor of the Highways from Maxetawney Township, in Bucks County, praying that the Records may be searched for the return of a certain Road in the said Township was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary do apply to Joseph Shippen, Esq'r, late Secretary or Clerk of the Council, & obtain from him the Public Records belonging to his said Office.

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Letters from Col. Hunter, of Sunbury, Dr. Allison, & others, relating to the depredations of the Indians.

Ordered, That Dr. Hutchinson be directed to procure a Box of Medicines sufficient for a Regiment for four Months, & a case of Instruments, to be forwarded immediately to Northumberland County, to the care of Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the said County.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Jos. Hart, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, to be by him forwarded to Col. Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the County of Northumberland, & charged to the said Hunter.

Ordered, That Dr. Andrew Todd be appointed Surgeon of the State Ship General Green.

The following were drawn on the Treasurer for Work done on board the Gallies, Viz:

In favor of Hill & Marriott for the Sum of Two Hundred & Sixty Pounds Two Shillings & Seven pence, & in favor of Hale & Lawton, for the Sum of One Hundred & Thirty Eight Pounds Ten Shillings & Three Pence.

Application of Samuel Dewees, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia for 150 Stand of Arms, for the use of Two Classes of the 7th Battalion of the said County.

Ordered, That Capt. Stiles do deliver to Samuel Dewees, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant of the County of Philadelphia, One Hundred & Ffty Stand of Arms, for the use of the Militia, for which Mr. Dewees is to be accountable.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do exchange for James Hepburne, a Sum of the Emissions of Continental Bills called out of circulation, for Bills now Current, not exceeding Three hundred Dollars, the same having been received by him of the Treasurer.

Petition of Henry Van Vleck was read, praying recommendation to pass into New York, &ca.

Ordered, That a Pass be granted to Henry Van Vleck to go into New York & to return, bringing with him his Negroes.

On application by Col. Humpton,

Ordered, That the Fine adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia, to be paid by John Allen, now confined in Goal, be remitted; & that he be discharged, on Payment of his Fees; Doct. John Sparhawk, from whom the Goods were Stolen, having had the same returned to him,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Dav'd Kennedy, Commissioner for purchasing of Cloathing for the Continental Army, in York County, or his order, for the Sum of Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds, the same to be charged to account of the said Kennedy.

A Letter from Mr. George Henry, Commissary of Military Stores, with an Inventory & account of Sales, read & filed.

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A Letter from Mess. McClenaghan & Irwin; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. D. Hart be appointed Second Lieutenant, & Mr. Hollingshead Master, of the Ship General Green.

Application from Robt. Knox & Comp'y, setting forth that a Brig belonging to them was cleared, and the Papers signed before the Embargo took place, May 3d, 1779, & praying a Permit to pass the Forts.

On consideration,

Resolved, That it is not consistent with the public Interest to permit any Vessel to depart until the State Ship is sailed.

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

In favor of the Hon'ble George Bryan, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Three Hundred & Fifty Pounds, to be charged to his account.

In favor of Col. Lewis Farmer, Commissary for purchasing, &ca, or his order, for the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday May 4, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Macky, & Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.

A Letter from the Hon'ble John Jay, Esq'r, President of Congress, of this date, enclosing a Resolve of Congress, dated the 3d ins., requesting such of the Militia of this State to take Post at Fort Mifflin & Billingsport, in the room of Colonel Proctor's Men, as shall be judged by the said President & Council sufficient; the said Militia to be allowed Continental Pay & subsistance, was read; And Council having ordered Two Companies of Militia Artillery to go down to the said Forts, Council conceived that those two Companies will answer the intention of Congress, & be entitled to the Continental Pay & Rations under the said Resolve.

It being represented to Council that Robert French, Cornelius Hillman, & Benjamin Loxley, jun., are at this time endeavouring to entice away the seamen now in this Port, and induce them into service in the neighbouring States, while an embargo is in force to enable the Council to Man the Ship General Green, State Ship,

Ordered, That a Warrant be issued to the Sheriff of the City & County, to take the said Robert French, Cornelius Hillman, & Benja. Loxley, jun., and bring them forthwith before this Council.

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On application by Doct. Jennings, who is stationed at Sunbury, & under peculiar difficulties in this respect,

Ordered, That the Receiver General of Cloathing do furnish to Doct. Jennings, Cloth of any Colour other than blue, & trimmings for a Coat & Jacket, Linnen for two Shirts, & two pair of Thread Stockings.

Ordered, That Thomas Hale be appointed an Agent for seizing of forfeited Estates in the County of Philadelphia, in the room of Thomas Cuthbert, who has resigned.

The Council resumed the consideration of the abuses by Vendues being held contrary to Law.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to write to & request Edward Pole, Thomas Hale & Edward Evans, to pay attention to this abuse, & that the Council will give them effectual support in every legal measure which shall be taken for suppressing this growing evil, & order prosecutions to be instituted against offenders.

Resolved, That Maj. William Armstrong be appointed Paymaster of the Workmen & others employed at Mud Island & Billingsport, or other public works on the Delaware, & that he settle the accounts of Money already advanced to Col. Bull, so as to take up the same from the beginning.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday May 5, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
John Macky, & } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Philip Boehm, jun., Paymaster of Militia in the County of Northampton, for the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major William Armstrong, Paymaster of the Workmen at Billingsport, &ca., or his order, for the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds, & to be charged to his account.

Mr. John Chaloner, one of the Commissarys of Purchases, represented to the Council, that an Agent acting under authority of a Law of the State of Maryland, had purchased of Mr. Levi Hollingsworth a quantity of Flour, & thereby raised the Price of Flour near five Pounds P cent,

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to Mr. Hollingsworth & desire him not to deliver the Flour until this matter is enquired into, and his attendance in Council immediately.

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The Council having received information that Frederick Kesselman, late of this City, Trader, hath gone over to & joined the Enemy at New York,

Ordered, That a Proclamation be now issued requiring the said Fred'k Kesselman to render himself on or before the 20th day of June next, & abide the Judgment of the Court, according to the Law of the State, entitled "An act for the attainder of divers Traitors, &ca, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Common-wealth, & for more effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful Debts & claims thereupon.

"*Pennsylvania, ss:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"By His Excell'y Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, & the Supreme Executive Council of the Common-Wealth of Pennsylvania:

"Whereas, Frederick Kesselman, late an inhabitant of this State, Trader, hath adhered to & knowingly & Willingly aided & assisted the Enemies of this State & of the United States of America, by having joined their Armies at the City of New York;

We, the Supreme Executive Council aforesaid, by virtue of certain powers & authorities to us given, by An Act of General Assembly entitled

'An Act for the attainder of divers Traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, & for vesting their Estates in this Commonwealth, & for more effectually discovering the same, & for ascertaining & satisfying the lawful Debts & claims thereupon,' do hereby strictly charge & require the said Frederick Kesselman To render himself to some or one of the Justices of the Peace, Supreme Court, or of the Justices of the Peace of one of the Counties within this State, on or before the Twentieth day of June next ensuing, & also abide his legal trial for such his Treason, on pain that he, the said Frederick Kesselman, not rendering himself as aforesaid, & abiding his trial aforesaid, shall from and after the said Twentieth day of June next, Stand & be attainted of High Treason, to all intents and purposes, & shall suffer such pains & penalties, & undergo all such forfeitures, as persons attainted of High Treason ought to do; And all the faithful Subjects of this State are to take notice of this Proclamation, and govern themselves accordingly.

"Given by order of the Council, under the hand of His Excell'y the President, & the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, the fifth day of May, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy-nine.

"JOSEPH REED, President.

"Attest:—T. MATLACK, Secret'y"

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Cornelius Hillman being brought before the Council, and heard concerning the charge against him, and it appearing that he had not been concerned in Spiriting away the Seamen, after he knew of the intention of Capt. French, He was dismissed.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Friday May 7, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

An Account of work done by Ebenezer Cowell, in repairing Arms, was examined; & thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Ebenezer Cowell, or his order, for the sum of One Hundred & Seventy-Three Pounds & thirteen Shillings, the amount of the said account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble John Bayly, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Sixty Pounds Fifteen Shillings & two Pence, balance due him for his attendance in Council, Statement of which account is as follows, Viz't:

"The State of Pennsylvania,

"To Jno. Bayly, Dr.

"For attendance in Council from May 29, 1777, to the 5th Feb'ry, 1778, when I resigned, being 253 days.

"Nov'r 8, 1778,

"Cr. Rec'd of D. Rittenhouse, in part, the sum of £134 11 6
"Due in Balance to John Bawly, - - - 68 15 2
"Absent during the above said time, Viz:

"1777, In June 16 days,
"July 31 "
"August 6 "
"October 3 "
"Novem 3 "
"Decem. 17 "
"7778, "Jan'y 14 "
"Feb'ry 3 "

Absent days 93 "

"Balance of days 160, a 25s, - - £200 0 0
"Mileage for 80, a 10d, - - 3 6 8

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Capt. Rob't French & Mr. Benja. Loxley, jun, were brought before the Council, & Mr. Loxley being examined, it appeared that he had been in search of several Seamen who had deserted his service after having entered on board a Vessel in which he was interested:

And Capt. French being heard, & it appearing that he had been endeavouring to Spirit away the Seamen, & having pledged his Honor not to attempt to engage any Seamen in this State until after the Ship Gen'l Green shall have Sailed;

Ordered, That Captain French do give Security to the State, himself in the Sum of One thousand Pounds, & one sufficient Surety in the like Sum of One thousand Pounds that he will not directly or indirectly entice away any Seamen from this State until after the Ship General Green shall have Sailed.

A Letter from Lieu. Col. Adam Hubley, dated Mill-Stone Camp, May 4, 1779, inclosing a Certificate Signed by Ar. St. Clair, Maj. Gen'l, that Col. Hubley is elected Lieu. Col. in the Troops of the State of Pennsylvania, &ca.

The Council took into consideration the return of Justices elect for Mulberry Ward, by which it appears that William Rush, Esq'r, & Will'm Colliday, were duly elected; & thereupon,

Ordered, That Will'm Rush, Esq'r, be appointed & Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Matt'w Stony, proposing to the State that he will Sweep the River in search of Anchors, &ca., & allow to the State one-fourth part of what he may recover,

Ordered, That the said Matt'w Strong have permission to sweep the River in search of Anchors, &ca., he allowing to the State one-fourth part of what he shall procure in so doing.

The following Petitioners praying permission to go into New York, were read, Viz:

Sarah Smith permitted to go, on giving Security £1500, not to return without permission from the State.

Peter Taylor permitted to go, on giving like security in the Sum of £500.

Mary Carr & her Daughter permitted to go, in she having given Security not to return without permission from the State.

Mary Hamilton permitted to go without giving security, her case being singular & distressing, & she without Friends.

The Petition of Mrs. Rebecca Shoemaker being again read & considered, the Council were unanimously of opinion That she cannot, consistent with the Interest of the State, be permitted at present to go into the City of New York.

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The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday May 10, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

Capt. Martin, of the armed boat Lyon, attended in Council, & represented that divers of the Seamen belonging to the State Fleet had disappeared, & that it was apprehended they were gone to Baltimore by persuasion of Capt. Robert French, & Duncan McKenzie also appeared, & deposed that he saw two of the Men belonging to the said armed boat Lyon, in Company with Capt. French's people, and that he believes they are gone off to Baltimore with Captain French.

Ordered, That Capt. Martin do immediately proceed to Baltimore, in Maryland, & use his utmost endeavours to secure & return to their duty such of the Men belonging to the State fleet as he can find.

Ordered, That application be made to the Quarter Master's department for a Horse for Capt. Martin, of the armed boat Lyon, to go to Baltimore on Public business.

The Council being informed That there is not a supply of Ammunition at Mud Island,

Ordered, That Col. Flower be requested to send down to Mud Island, as soon as possible, a supply of ammunition for Two Twenty-four Pounders & One Thirty-Two Pounder.

A Letter from Henry Haller, Esq'r, dated Reading, May 4, 1779.

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to Col. Haller, & desire him to send down a list of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Berks, who have taken the oath of Office, & also of those who have neglected or declined to do so, with their reasons, so far as has come to his knowledge.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday May 11, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

Letters from Mr. Robt. Morris, informing of his having received from Cape Francois Sixty Seven Stand of Arms, belonging to the

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State; from Col. Flower, requesting that future orders for Military Stores may come to him thro' the board of War; from Board of War on several Subjects, dated May 10, 1779.

Return of officers of Militia from John Carothers, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland, dated May 1, 1779, by which it appears that the following Gentlemen were elected, Viz:

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Ordered, That Commissions be accordingly issued.

Application was made by Col. Morgan Connor, for Cloathing for the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reg't.

And application was also made for Cloathing for the fourth Pennsylvania Battalion.

Ordered, That the Receiver General of Cloathing, do immediately deliver to Lieu. Jeremiah Jackson, of the 11th Pennsylvania Regt, Two Hundred Shirts & Cloth and Trimmings, for eight suits of Cloaths; And also One Hundred Shirts and Cloth and Trimmings for four suits of Cloaths, for the fourth Pennsylvania Regt., to be put up in a parcel, separate from the Cloathing ordered for the 11th Regt.

The following Petitions for permission to pass into New York, was read, Viz:—Elizabeth Holdsworth, wife of James Holdsworth, & Mary Ann Goreley.

Ordered, That recommendations be given to the said Eliza. Holdsworth & Mary Ann Goreley, to be permitted to pass into New York, they giving surety in the Sum of £500, not to return again without permission first had from the State.

Ordered, That the 67 Stand of Arms belonging to the State, & lately arrived from Cape Francois, now in the hands of Rob't Morris, Esq'r, be delivered to Capt. Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Robert Allison, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

On application,

Ordered, That the Sloop Betsey and Alithea, Joseph Basden Commander, late from the Island of Bermuda, in quest of Provisions to relieve the inhabitants of that Island from extreme necessity, be permitted to pass the Fortifications on Delaware; And also the Sloop Betsy, William Popham Commander; Also, the Sloop Little Bernard, Capt. Leonard Albony; the last mentioned, with 3 bbls. Flour, 3 bbls. Bread & 3 bbls. Beef or Pork, & the following passengers, Viz:—Capt. John Osbourne, Capt. Erasmus Moritzen, Capt. Henry Fishorst, Mr. Frederick Dashong & Mr. John Potts, agreeable to Petition.

Col. Grono, Sub-Lieutenant of Chester County, attended in consequence of a Letter wrote him of the 28th April, And it appearing

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that the Election referred to in the said Letter, was conducted without a proper attention to the Test Law, & that the said Election on that account is informal,

Ordered, That the same be vacated, & that Col. Grono be directed to hold a new Election as soon as convenient, & report to this Board, that Commissions may issue without farther delay.

Application was made to Council in behalf of Edward Tew, Rookloff Albertson, John Huddle, Joseph Best, James Craft, & John Knox, requesting they may have permission to Sweep the Delaware in search of Cannon & Anchors, they restoring to the State one-fourth part of all they shall obtain, & giving to the State a preference in the purchase thereof.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the said request be complied with, & the said Edw'd Tew, Rookloff Alberston, John Huddle, Joseph Best, James Craft, & John Knox, be authorized to Sweep the Delaware on the terms proposed by them.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday May 12, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, Jacob Arndt, } Esq'rs.
John Macky, &

(Jas. Read, Esq'r, now returned & took his Seat in the Council.)

Ordered, That the Sloop Betsy & Alithea, Capt. Jos. Basden, be permitted to take on board Six barrels of Flour, Six bbls. Bread, Six bbls. Pork, & twelve Kegs of Bread.

The following Letters were received & read:

From the Hon'ble Tho's Scott, Esq'r, of Westmoreland, dated April 9th, 1779, inclosing a Letter from General McIntosh to Archibald Lochry, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the County of Westmoreland.

From the same, dated April 26, 1779, enclosing return of Election of Justices for Tyrone Township, in the County of Westmoreland.

From Archibald Lochry, Esq'r, Lieu. of the County of Westmoreland, Two Letters, both dated May 1, 1779, one of them enclosing a Resolve of the People of the said County.

All these relating to the State of the Frontiers.

Also a Letter from John Burd, Esq'r, dated May 5, 1779.

A Memorial from Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, having been read & considered,

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Resolved That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, for the Sum of One Thousand & five hundred Pounds, & that the same be delivered to him on his giving Bond with sureties, that if any claims or demands shall hereafter be made on the Estate of the Rev'd Mr. Jacob Duche, which shall be allowed, so as to lessen the present apparent value thereof to the State, that then the said Francis Hopkinson shall refund the said One Thousand & five Hundred Pounds, or such part thereof as the Justices of the Supreme Court shall decree, so as that the said allowance may be made proportionate to the real Value of the Interest accruing to the Common-Wealth from the said forfeiture, any former allowance or decree notwithstanding.

The following three orders were drawn on the Treasurer, Viz:

In favor of Col. Lewis Farmer, Commissary, &ca., or his order, for the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account.

In favor of Capt. Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Naval Stores, or his order, for the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars, to be charged to his account.

In favor of his Excell'y Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, or his order, for the sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his account, as part of his salary.

The return of Justices elect for Tyronne Township, in the county of Westmoreland, being read, it appears that John Allen, & James Paterson were elected; thereupon.

Ordered, That ——— Allen, Esq'r, be appointed & Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Westmoreland.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Letter from Gen'l McIntosh to Col. Lochry, be transmitted to the Board of War.

Maj. John Brown, of the fifth Battalion of Militia of the County of Philadelphia, having sent in his Commission & expressed his intention to resign the same, & it appearing that he stands charged with misbehaviour.

Ordered, That the resignation of the said Maj. John Brown be not now accepted.

Petition of Serjeant Cline, praying to be appointed Ensign, was read, & dismissed; no Serjeant being to be promoted but upon special recommendation of the Officers of the Regiment to which he belongs.

The Petition of Shewbart Armitage, praying to be appointed an Officer in the Reg't of Artillery commanded by Col. Proctor, being read; & his recommendation by Col. Proctor considered,

Ordered, That Shewbart Armitage be appointed third Lieu. in Col. Proctor's Reg't of Artillery.

A Certificate of an Election of Justices of the Peace for Barre Township, in the County of Bedford, being read; & it appearing upon the face of it that there was some controversy about it,

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Ordered, That the Secretary do write to the Hon'ble Tho's Urie Esq'r, & enquire into the circumstances of the Election, & report to Council as soon as may be.

Council having received information that divers Officers in the Militia stand charged with Misbehavour, & that there is a necessity of a Court of enquiry being immediately held; thereupon,

Ordered, That a Court of enquiry be appointed.

Ordered, That the Court of enquiry consist of William Bradford, Esq'r, Col. 1st Bat'l, President; Sharpe Delany, Esq'r, Col. 2d Bat'n; Will'm Will, Esq'r, Lieu. Col. 3d Bat'l; —— Boyd, Esq'r, Maj. 4th Bat'n; Jos. Copperthwaite, Esq'r, Col. 5th Bat'n; Rob't Allison, Esq'r, Lieu. Col. 6th Bat'n; Tho's Nevill, Esq'r, Lieu. Col. of Artillery; Capt. Robert Smith, 1st Bat'n; Capt. Will'm M'Culloch, 2d Bat'n; Capt. Cha's W. Peale, 4th Bat'n; Capt. Lieu. Wm. Leonard, of the Artillery Bat'n; Lieu. Henry Moyer, of the 3d Bat'n; Lieu. James Skinner, of the 6th Bat'n; And that a Commission be issued under the Seal of the State.

Petition of Peter Dehaven was read; Thereupon,

Ordered, That Peter Dehaven be appointed & Commissioned to be Health Officer for the Port of Philadelphia.

Application was made by Mr. Blair McLenaghan, for the following Stores for the Ship Gen'l Green, Viz.:

800 round Shot, 600 d'ble-headed Shot, 200 round Shot for 3 Pounders, 100 d'ble-headed do., 50 round of Shot for Six Pounders, 50 d'ble-headed do., 5 Sheets Copper, 300 lbs. of Sheat lead & 2 Drums & Fifes.

Ordered, That Capt. Stiles make immediate enquiry whether the above articles, or any of them, can be had from the Continental Commissary of Military Stores, & if so, to apply to the Hon'ble Board of War for an order, it being to replace Articles of the same kind lent to the Continent to go to South Carolina two Months since.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday May 13, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,
John Macky, & } Esq'rs.
Jacob Arndt,

And Mr. Thompson attended again & took his seat.

A Letter from the Hon'ble John Jay, Esq'r, President of Congress, dated 12th ins., enclosing Resolves of Congress of the fifth instant, respecting Commissary Trumbull's account.

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A Letter from Col. Bartram Galbraith, dated 5th instant, respecting the Militia of Lancaster County.

Memorial of Samuel Story, praying to be appointed an Officer in Col. Proctor's Regiment, was read. On consideration of his recommendations,

Ordered, That Sam'l Story be appointed a Third Lieutenant in Colonel Proctor's Regiment of Artillery.

Ordered, That Mr. Vice President, Mr. Jas. Read, & Col. Hart, be a Committee to enquire into the legality of the late Election of Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, & report to this Council.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Friday May 14, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

John Macky, Jacob Arndt, & } Esq'rs.
James Read, & —— Thompson, }

The President having laid before the Board a very complete & elegant draught of the proposed Fortifications for the defence of the River Delaware & the City, made by the General De Portail & his Assistants, at the joint instance of Gen'l Washington & this Board,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be given to General De Portail, for his important services in this respect; & that, as is customary on such occasions,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said General De Portail, for Two Thousand Dollars, which he be desired to accept, as an additional acknowledgement, for his time & labor spent in the service of the State.

Resolved, *also*, That an order be drawn in favor of Col. La Radine, assistant Engineer to Gen'l De Portland, for One Thousand Dollars, & for Six Hundred Dollars in favor of Villepanche, to be delivered in like manner, for their services in the same business.

A Petition from the Officers & Men of Col. Eyre's Battalion of Militia Artillery, now in Garrison at the Posts on the River, was read & considered; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Board is fully convinced of the Justice & Truth of the facts set forth, & the sentiments therein expressed; & that they will recommend the said application to the Hon'ble House of Assembly, at the next Sessions for proper attention & relief; & that in the meantime, from a desire to do equal Justice, &

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to encourage all those brave Men & true Patriots who turn out to defend & protect the Country in time of danger, Mr. Crispin, the Commissary of the State, be directed to supply them with Rum, Tea, Sugar, Soap & other Articles furnished the Continental Troops, agreeable to a Resolve of Assembly of the 5th of December, in the same proportion & at the same Rates as the same are furnished to any Troops in the service of the State; The same to be issued at the respective Posts, and to such only as are on actual duty

Resolved, That Col. Bull do proceed to execute the Plan of Fortification delivered in by Gen'l D. Portail, with all expedition, & that the same be not in any respect departed from, without the concurrence of this Board.

That the Refugee line at Billingsport, be repaired, at the least expensive mode of completeing that Work.

Ordered, That the Commissaries of Stores, supply Col. Bull with such Tools & other Articles as they may have, & he may want from time to time, in carrying on said Works, taking his Receipt therefor.

Resolved, That Col. Bull do confer with Capt. Boys, & other Captains of the Gallies, on the proper places to sink the new Chevaux-de-Frize, & determine the numbers necessary

Resolved, That Col. Bull be allowed at the Rate of Twenty-four Dollars ℔ day, for his trouble & service for Superintending & directing said Work, & that the same do commence from the time the said Col. Bull was engaged by this Board to attend said Work, & collect materials, under a former Resolve; to Wit: the 27th February last.

Whereas, the purposes intended to be answered by the embargo on all Ships, &ca., has not yet been fully answered,

Resolved, That the Embargo on all Shipping be further continued for fifteen days, or until otherwise ordered by this Council.

"A PROCLAMATION.

"*Pennsylvania, ss:*

"*By His Excell'y Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, & the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"WHEREAS, We, by our Proclamation, dated on the Thirtieth day of April last, did lay an Embargo on all Vessels within this Port:

And Whereas, The purposes of the said Embargo are not yet fully answered: We do therefore, think proper, & do hereby far-

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ther continue the said Embargo until the first day of June next, unless sooner revoked by the Authority of this Board.

"Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency, Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, & the Seal of the State at Philadelphia, this fourteenth dayof May, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy-nine.

"JOSEPH REED, President.

"Attest: T. MATLACK, Sec'y."

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Snyder, for the Sum of £233 2 1, (Two hundred & Thirty-Three Pounds, Two Shillings & one Penny,) amount of his account, including his Pay to the 12th instant, inclusive.

Charles Hil, Esq'r, Assist't Q'r M'r Gen'l, having applied to the Board for the approbation & Warrant to call out a number of Teams for the transportation of Provisions and Stores for the Supply of the Troops ordered to the Western frontiers,

Resolved, That the same be complied with, & the Waggon Masters of Lancaster, York & Cumberland, (in which Counties the said Provisions are) do furnish the number required with all expedition, & that the same be as follows, Viz:—from Lancaster 40, York county 30, Cumberland 25.

Gen'l St. Clair, Commanding officer of the Pennsylvania line, having certified that Adam Hubley, Esq'r, Lieu. Colonel of the Reg't of the Troops raised by this State, is the oldest Lieu. Colonel in the line, & therefore entitled to succeed to the vacancy made by the resignation of Col. Hartley, in the 11th Reg't.

Ordered, That the said Lieu. Colonel Hubley be recommended to the Hon'ble Board of War for the Commission of Lieu. Colonel Commandant of the Eleventh Regiment.

The Council Met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday May 15, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart, John Macky, Ja's Read, Jacob Arndt, & ——— Thompson, } Esq'rs.

An application from William Crispin, Esq'r, Commissary, for One Thousand Pounds; Thereupon

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Will'm Crispin, Esq'r, Commissary, or his order, for the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, to be charged to his acco.

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A certificate signed by Holker, certifying that the Schooner Swan, Capt. James Robinson, is freighted to transport Three Hundred barrels of Flour to St. Pierre of Martinique, for the use of the Fleet Commanded by His Excell'y, the Count d'Estaing. & application by George Meade, &ca, Owners of the said Schooner, for permission to clear out for St. Pierre accordingly.

Ordered, That the Naval Officer do clear out for St. Pierre, Martinique, The Scho. Swan, Capt. Ja's Robinson, freighted with Three hundred barrels Flour, for the use of the Fleet commanded by His Excell'y, the Count d'Estaing.

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be requested to furnish the Council with an account of the Monies paid by him upon orders drawn by Auditors of accounts.

The Petition of John Taylor, a disabled soldier of the Flying Camp, was read; thereupon,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Justices of the County of Northampton, to enquire whether the Petitioner has been wounded in an engagement, or whether he has been disabled by natural sickness; if the former be the case, the said Justices will provide for him, according to the Act of Assembly for the relief of disabled soldiers & seamen, passed 18th September, 1777; if disabled by natural sickness, it is recommended to the Overseers of the Poor to make provision for the Petitioner, according to his circumstances & necessity.

Letters from Gen'l Du Portail; & from Board of War, dated instant; from Col. Henry, with return of officers of Militia elected, with the date of their election.

Ordered, That Commissions be accordingly issued.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Monday May 17, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	—— Thompson,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	James Read, &	
Matt'w Smith,	Jacob Arndt,	

(Col. Smith having this day resumed his seat, in his return from a visit to his family.)

A Letter from Lodowick Sprogell, Muster Master General of Pennsylvania.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lodowick Sprogell, Muster Master General, or his order, for the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

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A like order in favor of Will. C. Bradford, Pay-master of the State Fleet, or his order, for the Sum of One Thousand & five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his account.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Matt'w Smith, Esq'r, or his order, for the Sum of Forty Thousand Dollars, of which said sum Twenty Thousand Dollars are to be by him sent to Col. Lochry, of the County of Westmoreland, to be applied in raising Men in that County; Ten Thousand Dollars to be sent to the Captain of the Company to be raised in the County of Cumberland; & Ten Thousand Dollars to be applied in raising the Companies in Lancaster and in Northumberland Counties.

Ordered, That the Muster M'r Gen'l do Muster the Officers, Seamen, & Marines of the Ship Gen'l Green, as near the time of her sailing as may be.

A transcript of the Record of conviction of Thomas Tayler, Esq'r, late of Cocalico Township, in the County of Lancaster, before the Judges of the Supreme Court, held at Lancaster, on the fifth day of May ins., of Felony & Robbery, & the sentence of the Court thereupon: "That the said Thomas Taylor be hanged by the Neck 'til he be dead;" being read;

On consideration,

Ordered, That Saturday the fifth day of June next, be appointed for the execution of the said sentence, between the hours of Ten of the Clock & Two of the Clock of the same day, at the usual place of Execution; & that a Warrant, under the less Seal of the State, signed by the President, & attested by the Secretary, be accordingly issued.

A transcript of the record of conviction of Catherine Fisher, late of the County of Lancaster, before the Judges of the Supreme Court, held at Lancaster, on the fourth day of May instant, of Murder, & the sentence of the Court thereupon: "That the said Catherine Fisher be hanged by the Neck 'til she be dead;" being read;

On consideration,

Ordered, That Saturday the fifth day of June next, be appointed for the execution of the said sentence, between the hours of ten of the Clock in the forenoon & two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of execution; & that a Warrant, under the less seal of the State, signed by the President, & attested by the Secretary, be accordingly issued.

A transcript of the record of conviction of Tho's Crouch, late of the Township of Exeter, in the County of Berks, Yeoman, before the Judges of the Supreme Court, held at Reading, on the Eleventh day of May ins., of Felony & Burglary, and the sentence of the Court thereupon: "That the said Thomas Crouch be hanged by the neck until he be dead;" being read;

On consideration,

Ordered, That Saturday the fifth day of June next, be appointed for the execution of the said sentence, between the hours of Ten of

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the Clock in the forenoon & two of the Clock in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of execution; & that a Warrant, under the less seal of the State, signed by the President, & attested by the Secretary, be accordingly issued.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday May 18, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	—— Thompson,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	James Read, &	
Matthew Smith,	Jacob Arndt,	

A Letter from Col. Proctor, informing that three Men belonging to his Reg't, Viz:

George Farrell, Patrick Goff and William Alexander, are now confined in Gaol, are by their conduct rendered unfit for his Regiment, & proposing that they be shipped on board the General Green.

Ordered, That George Farrell, Patrick Goff & Will. Alexander, now confined in the Gaol of Philadelphia, belonging to Col. Proctor's Reg't of Artillery, enlisted to serve during the War, be shipped on board the Ship General Green.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday May 19, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	—— Thompson,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	James Read, &	
Matthew Smith,	Jacob Arndt,	

A return of an Election of Justices of the Peace for the Township of Barree, in the County of Bedford, being now laid before the Board & considered,

Resolved, That by the Act of Assembly passed the 15th Feb'ry, 1777, each Township in Cumberland, Bedford, Northumberland & Westmoreland, is restricted to one Justice of the Peace, & Robt. Smith, Esq'r, having been commissioned as a Justice of the Peace for the said Township of Barree, it is not within the power of this

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Board to Commission another. If the Towhship is so large that one Justice will be inconvenient, application should be made to the Justices of the Peace at the County Court to divide the Township, which being done, an election may be held for the Township so divided, and a Justice of the Peace duly Commissioned.

Capt. Martin having returned from Maryland, attended in Council, & informed That he had secured & brought from Baltimore four men belonging to the State Fleet; & that there were on board Capt. Buchannan's Brig, Two men belonging to the State, which which he could not obtain, & that one man belonging to the State was detained by Capt. Loxley & Mr. Purviance, on a writ issued for the recovery of Money advanced to him by them. Capt. Martin also exhibited an account of his expences, Amounting to Seventy-five Pounds, which appearing to be as reasonable as the times will admit of, the same is allowed.

Ordered, That the Paymaster do pay to Capt. Henry Martin, or his order, for the Sum of Eighteen Pounds fifteen Shillings, due to John Brannon, one of the Seamen deserted, & the like Sum due to Rob't Martin, another of the Seamen deserted, and charge the same to the said Brannon & Martin;

And an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Henry Martin, or his order, for the Sum of One hundred Dollars, balance of his account of expenses to Baltimore, to be charged Captain Montgomery.

Ordered, That Capt. Jas. Montgomery be directed to charge the Sum of One Hundred Dollars, one-half of the expences of Captain Martin, on his journey to Baltimore, to the two Seamen belonging to the Ship General Green, which Capt. Martin arrested at & brought from Baltimore, one-half, (Viz.: eighteen Pounds & fifteen Shillings,) to each.

Ordered, That Matt'w Dill be appointed a Sub-Lieutenant of the County of York, in the place & stead of Mr. Rob't Stevenson, lately deceased.

A Resolution of Congress of the 18th ins., recommending to the Executive Powers of the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia & North Carolina, respectively, to permit One Thousand bushels of Indian Corn to be exported from each of the said States, for the relief of the distressed inhabitants of the Bermuda Islands, &ca., was read; & the same being considered,

Resolved, That it is very clearly the opinion of this Council, that the said Resolve of Congress cannot be complied with, consistent with the Laws of this Commonwealth.

A Letter from Col. Walter Stewart, of the Second Pennsylvania Battalion, recommending Will'm Murran to be appointed to be an Ensign in the said Regiment.

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Ordered, That Will'm Murran be appointed an Ensign in the Second Pennsylvania Battalion, commanded by Col. Walter Stewart.

Application was made by Mr. Jos. Pennell, for an order to the Naval Officer to clear out the Continental Schooner Hannah & Polly, Dav'd Latham Commander, bound to Boston, laden with 300 bbls. of Ship Stuff, & 51 bbls. of Bread, Shipped by the Commissaries of the Navy Board for the middle district, for the use of the Navy.

Ordered, That the Naval Officer do clear out the said Schooner Hannah & Polly.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thursday May 20, 1779.

PRESENT:

His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President.

Hon'ble GEORGE BRYAN, Esq'r, Vice President.

Joseph Hart,	——— Thompson,	Esq'rs.
John Macky,	James Read, &	
Matthew Smith,	Jacob Arndt,	

A Petition of Margaret Potts, Wife of John Potts, praying to be permitted, with her three Children and a Maid Servant, to go into New York, & to take with her three feather-beds with furniture, & some Kitchen furniture, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That a recommendation be granted to Margaret Potts, agreeable to her request, She giving security in the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, that she will not return without leave of the Council; And also, That the Articles mentioned be accounted for with the Commissioner of forfeited Estates, if it shall hereafter appear that they are now the property of John Potts.

A Petition from a number of Merchants addressed to Congress respecting the Court of appeals, was sent into Council, with a request that Council would give the same their Countenance & have it laid before Congress.

Ordered, That the same be delivered into the hands of the Delegates of the State in Congress, with a request to them to lay it before Congress, & to express to them the concurrence of Council therewith.

Ordered, That as the purpose of the Embargo is in a good degree answered, That a Proclamation be issued for taking off & annuling the same, & the following Proclamation being read & considered, was ordered to be issued, Viz.:

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"*Pennsylvania, ss:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"*By His Excell'y JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President, & Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:*

"Whereas, the purposes for which the Embargo hath been lately layed by our several Proclamations of the thirtieth day of April last, & of the fourteenth day of May ins., on all Vessels outward bound from this State, have been in great measure answered:

Wherefore, we do hereby revoke & disannul the same, hereby permitting all Vessels, not exporting any Provisions contrary to Law, to depart this Port, the aforesaid Prohibition notwithstanding, Of all which the Naval Officer & all others concerned, are to take notice, & govern themselves accordingly.

"Given by order of the Council, under the hand of His Excell'y Joseph Reed, Esq'r, President, & the less Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this Twentieth day of May, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Nine.

"JOSEPH REED,
"President.

"Attest—T. MATLACK, Sec'y.

A Letter from Rob't Morris, Esq'r, informing of the arrival of Thirty-Three Arms from Cape Francois, belonging to the State,

Ordered, That Capt. Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, do apply to & receive from Rob't Morris, Esq'r, Thirty-Three stand of Arms belonging to the State.

*George Reid, one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Lancaster, sent in his resignation, & the same was rec'd.

*He was chosen for Martick Township.

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